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Amendment to the Fourth article
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Constitution.

Art. 1st This Association shall be called the Blandford Branch of the American Lyceum.

Art 2d The objects of the Lyceum are the improvement of its members in useful knowledge, and the advancement of Popular Education.

Art 3d To effect these objects, the Lyceum will hold meetings for reading, conversation, discussions, dissertations, illustrating the sciences, or other exercises which shall be thought expedient; and as is found convenient will establish a Library, and will procure a Cabinet, consisting of apparatus for illustrating the sciences, plants, minerals, and other natural or artificial productions.—

Art 4th Any person may be a member of the Lyceum by paying into the Treasury one Dollar, and twentyfive cents thereafter annually; and fifteen Dollars paid at one time shall entitle a person, his or her heirs, or assigns to one membership forever. Any person hereafter admitted to the Lyceum must be introduced by some member and must be approved of, when absent, by two thirds of the members present. Persons under eighteen years of age shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Society, except voting and the use of the Library on the payment of fifty cents annually.

Art 5th The officers of this Lyceum shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian, who excepting the Treasurer & Librarian shall be chosen by ballot once in ten meetings and shall perform the duties usually implied in those offices respectively and shall continue in office until others are appointed in their

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stead. The Librarian shall also have the
care of the cabinet.

Art 6. The annual meeting of the Lyceum shall
be on the first Monday in November, at which time
the officers shall be chosen, and
afterwards it shall meet once a fortnight week
on Monday evening, during the months of
November, December, January, February, March
~~and April~~, and at other times as the society may direct
Repealed (and once in four weeks, during
the other months, at such times as the Lyceum
shall direct.)

Art 7. Shares in the Lyceum shall be transferable
but no member on withdrawing from the
Society shall be intitled to receive any
part of its property, but shall have the
right of disposing of his share or shares
to another. provided such person be rec'd as a member

Art 8. This Constitution may be altered or amended
by a vote of two thirds of the members
present at any meeting, provided the altera-
-tion or amendment shall have been propos-
-ed at a previous meeting.—

Art. 9. ~~Five~~ Three curators shall be appointed whose
duty it shall be to superintend the general
concerns of the Lyceum.— Amend.t Jan'y 12. 1830.

Names of the Members of the Blandford Lyceum

		Iniation fee paid	Annual fees 1831 paid & 1831	1832	1838
	Orrin Sage	Fifteen Dollars			
	~~David Clark~~	Two Dollars	One Doll		
	Justus Boies	Two Dollars			25
	Silas P. Wright	Two Dollars	One Doll		25
	~~Levi Gibbs~~	Two Dollars			
	Rufus Blair	Two Dollars	One Doll		
	Samuel Marks	Two Dollars			25
	Spelman Gibbs	Two Dollars			
	Nathan Gibbs	Two Dollars			25
	~~Lewis Boies~~	Two Dollars			
	Justin Wilson	Two Dollars			
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	~~Eli Wells~~	Two Dollars	One Doll		25
1831.	Wesley Boies	Two Dollars	One Doll		
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	Edwin Ely	Two Dollars			
	Reuben Boies Jr. Esqr.	Two Dollars			
	~~Milton Boies~~	Two Dollars			
	Almon J Lloyd	Two Dollars	one Doll		
1832	Eli Rose			One Doll	
1833	~~Lewis H. Stearns~~				
1838	Charles J Hinsdale	One Dollar			
	~~[illegible] Ward~~	One Dollar			
	~~[illegible] E Dewey~~	One Dollar			
	Delano Bartlett	One Dollar			
	King G. Hastings	One Dollar			
	Giles C Dayton	One Dollar			
	Olcot Osborn	One Dollar			
	Watson E Boies	One Dollar			
	~~[illegible]~~	One Dollar			
1839	Eli Hayden	One Dollar			
	Henry Day	One Dollar			
	Horatio Bryant				
	Saml. S. Day				
1845	J. L. Blair				

By Laws
# of the
Blandford Lyceum

1st In case of the absence of the President and Vice President, either of the other officers, in the order in which they were chosen, shall nominate some person present to preside pro. tempore

2d The President or any three members shall have power to call a special meeting by posting up notice of the same in two or more public places.

3d The President shall take the chair punctually at the hour to which the Lyceum stands adjourned—(shall call upon the Secretary to read the roll and to state what members were absent at the last meeting, and if any who had appointments were absent he shall require of them a sufficient excuse) and shall direct in what order the business of the meeting shall be performed.

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4th In all the exercises of the meetings decorum shall be observed, due respect shall be given to the chair, and the members shall treat each other with all the attention and courtesy, which are required by the rules of the most refined Society—

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5th It shall be regarded as entirely inconsistent with the principles and objects of this Lyceum for any member to be guilty of gaming profane swearing, Sabbath breaking, slander, or any other species of immoral conduct, and it is hereby enjoined on every member to cultivate the nicest sense of honor and propriety in his intercourse with society, and also the highest personal purity of mind—

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a list of subjects suitable to be examined and discussed by the Lyceum and no subject shall be examined or discussed till it has been inserted on the list, and approved by the Society.

Art ~~8~~ 7 No person shall speak more than once on the same subject, without leave from the President

Art ~~9~~ At the discretion of the Lyceum, there shall occasionally be a public meeting, when its doors shall be thrown open for the admission of all persons, who may desire to attend (Articles 9. & 10. rescinded). Repealed Feb. 12, 1834

Art 10. Every member shall have liberty to introduce one spectator at every meeting of the Society. — (Articles 9 & 10 rescinded) Repealed Feb. 12, 1834

Art. ~~10~~ 8 The Treasurer shall make an accurate Report of the State of the Treasury, not only at every annual meeting but as often as he is required by the Society.

Art. ~~11~~ 9 No monies shall be paid out of the Treasury without the direction of the Society (and all orders on the Treasurer for the disbursements of monies shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary) — Repealed Feb 9" 1838

Art ~~12~~ 10 It shall be the duty of the Curators to provide a room for the meetings of the Lyceum — to furnish fuel, lights and all other necessaries for its accommodation to select and pay for all Books for the Library, and all articles of apparatus

Art ~~13~~. 11 It shall be the duty of the President to make the appointments of the exercises for the meeting

having reference to an alphabetical roll
which is to be kept by the Secretary (who shall
note at each meeting such as are absent
Repealed and of whom the President shall require
Feb 9th 1888 a sufficient excuse)- When questions
are discussed he shall give his opinion
and if either of the disputants request it,
the yeas and nays of the members present
shall be taken upon the merits of the
question—

Art 1~~4~~12th If any member shall violate any of the
foregoing By Laws, the Lyceum may pass
such censure upon him, as they shall
judge expedient.

Art 13 The president is to invite the ministers of the
gospel and teachers of schools in this Town
who do not belong to this Lyceum to take part in
its exercises, and assign them at his discretion

Rules for the regulation of the Library of the Blandford Lyceum

Rule 1st. The Curators shall provide some suitable place for the Library in or near the place where the Lyceum meetings are holden.

Rule 2d. Books may be drawn from the Library on the evening of every stated meeting of the Lyceum and the first Wednesday of May, June, July, August September and October.....

Rule 3d. No member of the Lyceum shall be entitled to draw more than one Volume Octavo or two duodecimo at any one time —

Rule 4. No member of the Lyceum shall be entitled to keep any book for a longer period of time than one Month, under a penalty of six cents for the detention thereof one week, and a proportionate sum for a greater or less period of time —

Rule 5. The Librarian shall in a book kept for that purpose note down the number of the book drawn, and the time when lent and all fines incurred by the members for a violation of any of the rules for the regulation of the Library.

Rule 6. If any member shall lose, destroy or damage any book belonging to the Library, he may procure a book of the same kind, of equal value with the one lost destroyed or damaged or be subject to such fine, as the Curators shall deem reasonable —

Rule 7. If any member shall be fined for the violation of any of the rules for the Regulation of the Library and such fine shall remain unpaid at the next time for drawing books such member shall not be entitled to draw a book until the payment of the penalties incurred

Rule 8. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to collect all fines incurred by any member for any violation of the rules for the regulation of the Library and account for the same to the treasurer of the Lyceum —

Voted to Amend the Second Rule of the Laws upon drawing Books from the Library so as to give the Members of the Lyceum the priviledg of drawing Books from the Library the Thursday following the stated meeting of the Lyceum

December 29 1841

A meeting was held at the Center School House, on Tuesday evening the twenty second December one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, to take into consideration the subject of a Town Lyceum. The meeting was organised by choosing Orrin Sage Esqr. Chairman and Russel A. Wilson Secretary.

The subject was brought before the meeting by the Revd. Dorus Clark and others submitting a few introductory remarks and the following votes were passed.

Voted That this meeting highly approve of the principles and objects of Lyceums, and that we are willing to use our influence to establish and conduct an institution of that kind in this Town.—

Voted, That a Committee of three be appointed to draft a Constitution and to make a report at the adjourned meeting.—

Voted That Revd Dorus Clark, Mr Justus Boies and Russel A. Wilson be this Committee.

Voted That an Introductory Lecture by Russel A. Wilson be delivered at the next meeting.

Voted, That the next meeting be held on Tuesday the twenty ninth instant, at 6. o'clock P.M. at the centre School house: at which time the Committee will report a Constitution.

And on motion the meeting was adjourned.

Orrin Sage, Chairman.

Russel A. Wilson
Secretary

Proceedings of the meeting held December 29. 1829.

The committee appointed at the last meeting reported a constitution which was read, discussed and adopted— Whereupon the following officers were chosen viz.

Revd. Dorus Clarke President
Orrin Sage Esqr, Vice President
Russel A. Wilson, Secretary
Rufus Blair Esqr. Treasurer and
Doct. Silas P. Wright, Librarian

It was then Voted that a committee of three be appointed to draft a system of by-Laws and report at the next meeting—

Voted. That Dr Eli Hall, Revd. Dorus Clarke & Col. Justin Wilson be this Committee—

Voted. That Spectators be admitted at the next two meetings: and that School Teachers and others be requested to take part in our proceedings—

Voted. That the Secretary supply the meetings with light and fuel

Voted, That the Revd Dorus Clarke be requested to deliver a Lecture at the adjourned meeting.

An Introductory Lecture was then delivered by Russel A. Wilson—

Meeting adjourned

Revd. Dorus Clarke President

R. A. Wilson, Secretary

Proceedings of the meeting held January 12, 1830.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.
The Bye Laws as reported by the Committee appointed at the last meeting, were read, discussed & adopted with the exception of three which were postponed to the next meeting.—

The following amendment of the Constitution was adopted.

Voted, That five Curators be appointed, whose duty it shall be to superintend the general concerns of the Lyceum.—

Voted. That Dr Eli Hall, Revd Dorus Clarke, Orrin Sage Esqr Rufus Blair Esqr & Russell A. Wilson constitute this committee.

Agreeably to the appointments made at the last meeting a Lecture was delivered, by the Revd Dorus Clarke, on Astronomy— A Dissertation by Orrin Sage Esqr on Rail Roads & Locomotive steam engines. one by Simeon Shurtleff on the cause of the luminous appearances in the ocean & [illegible]

The appointments of the next meeting were as follows—
A Dissertation by Dr Eli Hall on the anatomical construction of the human Eye—
The question for discussion is "ought the present Militia System to be abolished?", Justus Bois affirmative, & Justin Wilson negative—
A Composition on Agriculture by Rufus Blair Esqr
A Composition by William J. Bayard and a Composition by Mr— Spencer on the best method of governing common schools.—

Meeting adjourned

Revd Dorus Clarke Presdt

R. A. Wilson Secretary

Proceedings of the meeting held January 26 1830

The minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted.

On motion of Dr. E Hall a committee of three was appointed consisting of Rufus Blair Esq: Col. Justin Wilson & Dr. Silas P. Wright to confer together about the amendment of the constitution and report to this meeting: and the Committee subsequently reported that the Constitution be not altered. — And the report was accepted.

On Motion of R. Blair Esqr a committee of three was appointed consisting of Messrs Justus Bois, Spelman Gibbs & Milton Bois, to confer upon the three by Laws postponed at the last meeting and report at the next meeting.

Voted That the President be empowered to decide the questions of discussion upon their merits.

Voted that the next meeting be a public one for the admission of spectators—

Agreeably to the appointments made at the last meeting Mr Spencer read a Composition on the best method of governing schools— Rufus Blair Esqr one on agriculture The question Ought the present militia system to be abolished? was discussed by Justus Bois affirmative and Justin Wilson negative — and decided by the President in the negative — and a Lecture by Dr Eli Hall on the anatomical construction of the human eye.

The appointments for the next meeting are as follows.
Mr Spencer, Composition on School instruction—
Mr Clarke, Composition — The question for discussion Ought universalists to be admitted to testify in Courts of Justice? Messrs Milton Bois & Lamuel Works disputants—
Spelman Gibbs, to read some extracts on the subject of temperance — and Dr Silas P. Wright a Lecture on Chemistry —

Meeting adjourned

Revd Dorus Clarke Presdt

R. A. Wilson
Secretary

(Proceedings of the meeting held February 9. 1830)

The minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted.) Agreeable to the appointments made at the last meeting Mr Spencer read a composition on the best method of instructing Common Schools— Mr Clarke one on the growth & decay of trees. The question was discussed Ought Universalists to be admitted to testify in our Courts of Justice? Mr Milton Boies affirmative & Samuel Marks negative— and decided by the President in the negative.— Some extracts were read on the subject of Temperance by Mr Spelman Gibbs — and a Lecture was delivered on Chemistry by Dr Silas P Wright)

The appointments for the next meeting were as follows. Samuel Blair is to read extracts from history— Almon J Lloyd a Composition— The question for discussion is "Ought the punishment of death to be inflicted in any case except murder? Wesley Boies & John Noble affirmative & Edwin Ely & George A. Bayard, negative— A composition by Leverett Moore and also a Composition by William J Bayard on Respiration. A Composition by Levi Gibbs, on Geography—

A Special meeting of the Lyceum was appointed for the next monday evening to discuss the propriety of altering the constitution & to act upon the report of the Committee on the By Laws.)

Meeting adjourned.

R. A. Wilson
Secretary

Dr Eli Hall, Presd Pro. tem.

Proceedings of the fifth meeting held 23d January 1840.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted. Agreeably to the appointments made at the last meeting a composition was read by Clinton J. Lloyd and the question "Ought the punishment of death to be inflicted in any case except murder" was discussed by Wesley Bois affirmative & George Bayard negative and decided in the Negative. A composition on Geography by Levi Gibbs on Geography and also one by William J. Bayard on Respiration—

Appointments for the next meeting

Davis Richards is to read extracts from the History of Columbus— R. C. Wilson a composition on Common & Statute Law— On Reading Messrs. Austin Wilson, Dr Silas P. Wright & Justus Bois— Dr Eli Hall is to read extracts— The question for discussion is "Are labor saving machines beneficial to a country of dense population?" Orrin Sage Esqr & John Noble affirmative & Rufus Blair Esqr & Edwin [illegible] negative—

A Committee of four were appointed consisting of Messrs Milton Bois, Samuel Marks, Spelman Gibbs & Russell C. Wilson to make critical remarks on the exercises of the evening and particularly on Reading—

A committee of three were appointed consisting of Ruf. Blair Esqr Orrin Sage Esqr & R. C. Wilson to consider of the propriety of adopting some rule with regard to the admission of members into the Lyceum, and also to propose any other amendment to the Constitution they may deem proper. The following amendment of the Constitution was adopted— Voted, That any person may be a member of the Lyceum by paying into the Treasury two dollars, and one dollar thereafter annually;

Meeting adjourned—

R. C. Wilson
Secretary—

Dorus Clarke President

Proceedings of the Sixth meeting held March 9th 1830

The minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted

Agreeably to appointments made at the last meeting [illegible] Wilson read a composition on Common and Statute Law. Exercises in Reading by Messrs Justin Wilson. Silas P. Wright & Justus Boies. And the question, "Are labor saving machines beneficial to a Country of dense population" was discussed by Mr Spencer for the affirmative, & Rufus Blair Esqr for the negative, and decided by the President in the affirmative, which decision was affirmed by the Society —

Voted, That it shall be the duty of the President to make the appointments of the exercises for the meeting having reference to an alphabetical roll which is to be kept by the Secretary who shall note at each meeting such as are absent, and of whom the President shall require a sufficient excuse.

Voted That when questions are discussed he shall give his opinion, and if either of the disputants request it, the yeas and nays of the members present shall be taken upon the merits of the question —

Appointments for the next meeting —

A composition on the use of lime as a manure and on what soils it can be most beneficially used, by Mr Justus Boies. Question. Have the United States a right to remove the Indians? Orsen Sage Esqr and Dr Eli Hall disputants. Reading Messrs Jarvis Boies, Nathan Gibbs, & Milton Boies —

A composition by Dr Silas P. Wright on the history causes and effects of Volcanoes — also one by Mr Samuel Marks, on the different orders of architect —

Meeting adjourned —

Revd Dorus Clarke President

R. A. Wilson
Secretary

Proceedings of the Seventh meeting held March 25 1850

The proceedings of the last meeting were read & accepted –

Voted To adopt the following as a substitute for the fourth Article of the Constitution.

Art. 4. Any person may be a member of the Lyceum by paying into the treasury two Dollars, and one dollar thereafter annually: and fifteen Dollars paid at one time shall entitle a person, his or her heirs, or assigns to one membership forever – Any person hereafter admitted to the Lyceum must be introduced by some member & must be approved of, when absent, by two thirds of the members present – Person under eighteen years of age shall be entitled to all the privileges of the society, except voting and the use of the Library on the payment of fifty cents annually.

Voted To strike out the word Tuesday in Article Sixth and insert the word Wednesday.

Agreeably to the appointments made at the last meeting the question 'Have the United States a right to remove the indians? was discussed by Orrin Sage in affirmative & Dr Eli Hall negative, & decided by the President in the Negative. A Dissertation was read by Justus Boies on the use of lime as a manure and on what soils it can be most beneficially used; and one by Dr Silas P. Wright on the history, causes & effects of volcanoes, and also one by Samuel Marks on Architect – The Reading was deferred to the next meeting – Appointments for the next Meeting –

Question. Have men a greater influence in the formation of the human Character than women? – Russel A Wilson & Rufus Blair Esqr. for the affirmative. Spelman Gibbs and Justus Boies for the negative – Reading by Jarvis Boies Nathan Gibbs. Milton Boies & Addison Gillet

A Composition on agriculture by Justin Wilson –

Meeting adjourned

Rev. Jones Clarke Presdt

R. A. Wilson
Secretary

Proceedings of the eighth Meeting held April 7. 1830.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read & accepted—

The President being absent, Orrin Sage Esqr the Vice President took the Chair and Dr Silas P Wright was appointed Secretary—

a composition on agriculture was read by Justin Wilson—

And the Question, have men a greater influence in the formation of the human Character than women was discussed by Rufus Blair Esquire on the affirmative and Justus Boies in the negative— And owing to the extreme delicacy of the question, the President asked that he might be excused from deciding it upon its merits— Therefore, Voted, that the President be excused from giving a decision upon the question—

Appointments for the next meeting—

Question— Ought imprisonment for Debt to be abolished? Disputants Dr Hall. O Sage Esqr and Dr S. P. Wright and Russel A. Wilson—
a Compositions by Mssrs Boies— and a Conversation by the members on the best method of pronunciation:

Meeting adjourned

Orrin Sage Esqr President

Silas P Wright
Secretary

Proceedings of the Ninth meeting held April 21. 1830.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read & accepted—
The Question "ought imprisonment for Debt to be abolished"? was discussed by Russel A Nelson affirmative and Dr Silas P Wright negative and decided by the President in the negative—
A proposition was submitted to have the Constitution so amended, that the Lyceum should not be obliged to meet in the months of May, June, July August, September & October—

Appointments for the next meeting
Question, "would the construction of a Rail Road from Albany to Boston be beneficial to the Commonwealth generally; and if one is constructed, is it expedient for the State to take any share in the stock? Dr Eli Hall, Orrin Sage Esq- Rufus Blair Esqr, & Russel A Nelson—" and Reading by various persons present— and also a dissertation by Revd Dorus Clarke on pronunciation and which Dictionary has the preference Walker or Webster—

Meeting adjourned
Revd Dorus Clarke

R. A. Nelson
Secretary

Proceedings of the twelfth meeting held May 5. 1830.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read & accepted The Question for discussion was, would the construction of a rail way from Albany to Boston be beneficial to the Commonwealth generally: and if one is constructed, is it expedient for the State to take any share of the Stock? The affirmative was advocated by Rufus Blair Esqr and the negative by Russel A. Wilson and decided by the president in the affirmative —

The last clause of Article Sixth in the Constitution was repealed - and the following officers of the Lyceum were elected viz-

Orrin Sage Esqr President
Dr Eli Hall Vice President
Russel A. Wilson Secretary

Voted that the Curators adopt such by Laws as they may deem proper to regulate the drawing of Books from the Library during the present summer —

Voted. That this meeting adjourn to the first Wednesday of September next at six OClock in the afternoon —

Meeting adjourned

Revd Dorus Clarke Presdt

R. A. Wilson
Secretary —

Proceedings of the 13th Meeting held 9 September 1830.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read and accepted —

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to draft rules for the regulation of the Library —

Voted that Dr Eli Hall J. Stin Wilson & Spelman Gibbs be that committee and that they report at the next meeting

Voted to adjourn to the first Wednesday of October next at six oclock in the evening —

R. A. Wilson
Secretary —

Rufus Blair Esqr Presdt

Proceedings of 1st Meeting held 6th October 1830

The proceedings of the last meeting were read & accepted. Voted, That the Committee on the Library make their report at the next meeting—

R. A. Wilson was appointed to read a dissertation at the next meeting—

Meeting adjourned to the first Wednesday in November next at six O'clock in the evening—

Orrin Sage Presdt

R. A. Wilson Secretary—

Owing to the absence of the Members of the Lyceum the third November instant, the meeting was adjourned to seventeenth November, at six O'clock in the evening

R. A. Wilson Secretary

Proceedings of 1st meeting held 1st November 1830—

Voted, that Messrs Henry Fitts and Edwin Ely be admitted as members of the Lyceum, on paying the initiation fee—

Voted, To excuse Dr Eli Hall from serving as chairman of the Committee on the Library — R. A. Wilson was chosen in his stead, and Henry Fitts was added to the Committee

R. A. Wilson, read an Essay— after which the following officers of the Lyceum were chosen—

Dr Eli Hall, President
Rufus Blair Esqr Vice President
Russel A. Wilson, Secretary
Justus Boies, Treasurer
R. A. Wilson Librarian
Curators, Revd Dorus Clarke, Orrin Sage Esqr
Col. Justin Wilson, Spelman Gibbs and Russel A. Wilson

On the question, is the plan of the American Colonization society for the removal of the entire mass of the colored population of this country to the coast of Africa practicable? Dr Silas P. Wright & Rufus Blair Esqr for the affirmative, and Levi Gibbs and Justus Boies, for the negative—

R. A. Wilson — a declamation —

Meeting adjourned

R. A. Wilson Secretary

Orrin Sage, President

Proceedings of 2d Meeting held 1st December – A.D. 1830 –

The proceedings of the last meeting were read & accepted. The Question "is the plan of the American Colonization Society for the Removal of the entire mass of the colored population of this country to the coast of Africa practicable?" was discussed by Rufus Blair Esqr – for the affirmative and Milton Bois for the negative and decided by the President in the affirmative –
A declamation was delivered by R. A. Wilson –
The following are the appointments for the next meeting. –

On Astronomy Revd Dorus Clarke
On Chemistry Dr Silas P. Wright
On Geography Colo Justin Wilson –

The question for discussion is "Has the Reading of Novels a beneficial tendency" R A Wilson affirmative and O. Sage Esqr on the negative –
Voted. that the next meeting be a public one for the admission of spectators –

Meeting adjourned
Dr Eli Hall Presdt

R A Wilson – Secretary

Proceedings of 3d meeting held 15th December A.D. 1830

The proceedings of the last meeting were read & accepted – The question "Has the Reading of Novels a beneficial tendency" was discussed by R A Wilson for the affirmative and O Sage Esqr for the negative and decided by the Society in the negative – Justin Wilson read a Composition on Geography and Revd Dorus Clarke delivered a Lecture on Astronomy –

Appointments for the next meeting –
Question – Ought imprisonment for debt to be abolished, Henry Fills and Milton Bois for the affirmative and Spellman Gibbs ~~and~~ and R A Wilson for the negative –
Lecture on Chemistry, by Dr Silas P. Wright
A Declamation by Josiah M Graves –

Meeting adjourned
Justus Bois Presdt
pro tem

R A Wilson Secretary –

Proceedings of 4th meeting held 24 December AD 1830

A Quorum met agreeable to adjournment and the President being absent Justus Boies was chosen Secy pro tem

The Proceedings of the last meeting were then read

The Question "Ought imprisonment for debt to be abolished," was discussed by Henry Fitts & Milton Boies for the affirmative and Spelman Gibbs & R. A. Wilson for the negative — and decided by the Chair in the negative — Appointments for the next meeting

Question, Will the Policy of our present National Administration have a tendency to perpetuate our republican principles and the Union of the States?

Samuel Marks & Rufus Blair Esqr for the affirmative and Justin Wilson & Justus Boies for the negative

A Lecture on Chemistry by Dr Silas P. Wright

~~Declamation~~ Composition by J. M. Graves

Lecture by Revd Dorus Clarke —

Meeting adjourned

Justus Boies. Secty pro tem — Eli Hall Presdt

Proceedings of 5th meeting held 12 Jany AD 1831

The Question "Will the policy of our present national administration have a tendency to perpetuate our Republican principles and the Union of the States? was discussed by Rufus Blair Esqr. for the affirmative and Justus Boies for the negative, and decided by the Society in the negative —

A lecture on Chemistry by Dr Silas P. Wright and a Dissertation by J. M. Graves —

Appointments for the next meeting —

A Dissertation by Milton Boies on the [illegible]

Rufus Blair Justin Wilson Samuel Marks, Milton Boies and Russel A. Wilson each to give an analysis of the Books they have Recently Read —

Henry Fitts & Edwin Ely to read some selected articles, and a Lecture from Revd Dorus Clarke —

Voted. That the next meeting be public for the admission of Spectators —

Meeting Dissolved

R. A. Wilson Secretary — Dorus Clark Presdt pro tem

Proceedings of 6th meeting held Jany 26. 1831 -
The proceedings of the last meeting were read & accepted
Rufus Blair Esqr Samuel Clark & Russel A. Wilson
each gave an analysis of some Book they had
recently read - a Lecture by Revd Jonas Clark
and an Exercise in Reading by Milton Boies Drs Silas
P. Wright & Almon J. Lloyd -

Appointments for the next meeting
A dissertation on School keeping by George Sheppard
A Composition on the study of history by Westly Boies &
A Composition by Almon J Lloyd
Question, Is it justifiable to countenance Lotteries
by the purchase of Tickets? Milton Boies and
Josiah M. Graves disputants -
Reuben Boies Jr Esqr was proposed for admission
into the Lyceum -
Voted. That the next meeting be public for the admission
of Spectators - Meeting adjourned -
R.A. Wilson Secretary - Justus Boies President

Proceedings of 7 Meeting held February 9. 1831,
The proceedings of the last meeting were read & accepted
Mr George Sheppard read a dissertation on School Keeping
The Question, Is it justifiable to countenance Lotteries
by the purchase of Tickets, was discussed by
Milton Boies affirmative & Josiah M Graves for the
negative and decided in the negative -
Voted. That Reuben Boies Jr Esqr be admitted a
member of the Lyceum -
Proceedings of next meeting -
Question - Ought the United States to extend her
protection over the Indians of Georgia in oppo-
sition to the claims of Georgia? - for the affirma-
-tive Justus Boies & Rufus Blair Esqr & for the
negative Russel A. Wilson & Reubin Boies Jr Esqr
a Composition by Dr Silas P. Wright
a Composition by Colo Justin Wilson and
a Composition by Henry Fields -
Capt Martial Lloyd was proposed by the Secretary
to become a member of the Lyceum -
Voted That the next meeting be a public
one for the admission of Spectators -
Meeting adjourned
R.A. Wilson Secretary Dr Eli Hall

Proceedings of 8 Meeting held Feby 23. 1831

Voted That Capt Marshal Lloyd be admitted a member of the Lyceum—

Question, Ought the United States to extend her protection over the Indians of Georgia in opposition to the claims of Georgia? was discussed by Justus Boies & Rufus Blair Esqr for the affirmative and Russel A Wilson & Reuben Boies Esqr for the negative and decided by the President in the affirmative—

appointments

A composition by Col Justin Wilson
A Composition by Dr Silas P. Wright and
A Composition by Henry Wells—

Voted That the next meeting be public

Meeting adjourned

E. A. Wilson Secty

Dorus Clarke Presid

Proceedings of 9th Meeting held March 9. 1831—

Compositions were read by Dr Silas P. Wright and Col Justin Wilson A Lecture on Reading by Revd Dorus Clarke

appointments

Question, Ought a person in any case to be convicted on circumstantial Evidence? Almon J. Lloyd & Reuben Boies Esqr in the affirmative — and Justus Boies & Rufus Blair Esqr for the negative — Compositions by Justus Boies, Capt Marshal Lloyd and Josiah M Graves—

It was moved That the Constitution be ~~to~~ amended so that all future meetings shall be public — and also so as not to require a pledge from a person on becoming a member, to perform the appointments made by the President—

Voted That those members who have not paid their initiation fee or annual tax be requested to pay the same at our next meeting —

Meeting adjourned—

Dr Eli Hall Presdt

Russel A. Wilson

Proceedings of 10. meeting held March 23d 1831,

The Question, Ought a person in any case to be convicted on circumstantial evidence? was discussed by Almon Lloyd & Reuben Bois Jr Esqr for the affirmative and Milton Bois and Rufus Blair Esqr for the negative, and decided in the affirmative –

Voted to dispense with the other exercises of the evening

Voted to choose a Committee to make alterations in the by Laws or Constitution with regard to the admission of members without a pledge from them to take part in the exercises

Choose Rufus Blair Esqr. and Orrin Sage for said Committee

The following officers were chosen – viz:

Rufus Blair Esqr President
Reuben Bois Jr Esqr Vice President
Russel A. Wilson Secretary –

Appointments for the next meeting

Compositions by Orrin Sage Esqr
Justus Bois and
Russel A. Wilson

Reading by Revd Dorus Clarke
Samuel Marks and
Milton Bois.

Meeting adjourned for one fortnight at half past six o'clock

J. Eli Hall Presdt

Milton Bois Secretary –

Proceedings of 11 meeting held April 6. 1831
The proceedings of the last meeting were read and accepted—
Voted, That the adoption of the proposed amendment of the constitution be deferred to the next meeting—
A composition was read by R. A. Wilson and and some extemporaneous remarks on moral ethics by Josiah M. Graves—

Appointments

Question—Would mankind enjoy more happiness were the productions of the earth spontaneous?
Josiah M. Graves affirmative—Justin Wilson negative—
Composition by Orrin Sage Esqr
" " Justus Bois
Reading by Revd. Dorus Clarke
" " Samuel Marks
" " Milton Bois—
Meeting adjourned for one fortnight to half past six O'Clock in the evening—
R Wilson Secty—   Rufus Blair Esqr— Presdt

Proceedings of 12th meeting held April 20 1831
The President & Secretary being absent the meeting was called to order by Mr Clarke & Dr Silas P. Wright was appointed President pro tem. & Justus Bois Secretary Pro tem.
The proceedings of the last meeting were then read and the following question was then discussed,
"Would mankind enjoy more happiness were the productions of the earth spontaneous?" by Josiah M. Graves for the affirmative & the Gentleman for the negative being absent Gen: Clanson Knox by request supported the negative— and it was decided by the Lyceum in the negative—
Voted. that the adoption of the proposed amendment of the constitution be deferred to the next meeting
Voted to dissolve this meeting

Silas P. Wright Prest

Justus Bois Secty—

Proceedings of Meeting held 16 November A.D. 1831 —

The following officers of the Lyceum were chosen viz —
Reuben Boies Jr Esqr President
Orrin Sage Esqr Vice President
Russell A. Wilson Secretary
R. A. Wilson Treasurer
R. A. Wilson Librarian
Curators. Dr Eli Hall. Justus Boies Revd Dorus Clarke
Rufus Blair Esqr and Orrin Sage Esqr

Voted that a standing committee of three be chosen to make criticisms on the performances of the members of the Lyceum
Chose Revd Dorus Clarke, Dr Eli Hall and R. A. Wilson

Appointments

Lecture by Revd Dorus Clarke and also by Dr Silas P. Wright
Reading by Messrs Justus Boies and Justin Wilson —
Voted that the next meeting be a public one —

Meeting adjourned for two weeks. to meet at 6½
R. A. Wilson — Secretary
Rufus Blair Esqr President —

Proceedings of the Meeting held 30th Nov. 1831 —

In the Absence of the President — The V. Pr. O. Sage Esq presided
Secretary Absent — Eli Hall was chosen Secretary pro. tem.
Lectures delivered by Rev. D. Clarke
Lecture by Dr S. P. Wright —
The Committee not prepared to report — were continued to the next meeting —

Appointments

Lecture on the Anatomy of the Ear by Dr E. Hall
Question to be discussed by Rufus Blair Esqr & Justus Boies
Lecture on Composition by J. Shurtleff & C. H. Hall

Vote that the next Meeting be a public one

Meeting adjourned for two weeks

Eli Hall Secy. pro. tem.
O. Sage Esq President

Proceedings of the meeting held 14th Dec 1831
The ~~Secretary~~ being absent Revd Dorus Clark was
chosen Secretary pro tem
Lecture on Natural History by Simeon Surtliff
The question has the recent policy of the European
nations been justifiable in relation to Poland —
Was discussed by Justus Bois · Rufus Blair Esqr
& Chauncy Hall — Decided in the negative

Appointments

Question is the present Tarif injurious to the interest of
of the Southern States Orin Sage Affirmative Doct S. P. Wright Neg
Voted that the next meeting be a public one
Voted that this meeting be adjourned ~~tho~~ weeks for two weeks

Dorus Clark Sec Reuben Bois Pres

Proceedings of a Meeting of the Lyceum
held Jany 4th 1832 —

The President & Secretary being absent the Vice President called the meeting to order Justus Boies Chosen President Justin Wilson Secretary protem, the proceedings of the last meeting were read the following question was then discussed Is the present tariff injurious to the southern States   Orrin Sage Esq affirmative Doct S P Wright Negative Question decided in the negative

Appointments for the next meeting Doct Eli Hall to deliver a lecture on the anatomical structure of the human Ear

Chancy Hall & Simeon Shirtliff to deliver a dialogue

Question Would there be a greater amoun of happiness if mankind held property in common disputants Col Wilson Saml Marks Milton Boies Spelmon Gibbs Henry Pito & Levi Gibbs disputants

Voted that this meeting be adjourned one week from this evening to ½ past six

Justin Wilson Sec protem   Orrin Sage P

Proceedings of a meeting of the Lyceum held Jany 11th 1832

The meeting was called to order by the President Choose Milton Boies Secretary untill the present Secretary shal be able to attend Doct Eli Hall delivered a lecture on the anatomical structure of the human Ear Chancy Hall delivered a disertation on government

The question Would there be a greater amount of happiness if mankind held property in common discussed by Col Wilson on the aff. and Milton Boies on the negative decided in the negative. Appointments for next meeting Rufus Blair Esq Justus Boies Wesly Boies and Almon E Lloyd to discuss the question

Ought the third article of the Bill of rights to be expunged from the Constitution of this Commonwealth A Lecture by Rev. Dorus Clark

Voted to adjourn Reubin Boies Pr

Milton Boies Sec

Lyceum met Jany 18th 1832 The meeting was called to order by the President

Choose Col J Wilson Treasurer

Voted That the Treasurer pay over to the members the annual tax of one dollar

(Vot) Choose Orrin Sage Esq Librarian

~~Voted that the Secretary give public notice of the next meeting~~

Voted to adopt the following resolutions

Resolved 1st That the Lyceum entertain a grateful sense of there obligations to Rufs.de Wilson Esq for the verry valuable services he has rendered the Institution from its commencement as its Secretary & Libarian & also for the efficient aid he has given to the exercises of the Lyceum.

Resolved 2d That while the Lyceum deeply regret that the Providence of God has for the present deprived them of his counsels & assistance they cherish the hope that he may soon be restored

from his sickness to his customeary usefulness in this Institution & in society at large and that the Secretary be directed to communicate a copy of the Resolutions to Mr Wilson
Voted„ to desolve this meeting

M Boies Sect   R Boies Jr Esq Prest

Proceedings of the Lyceum Jany 25th 1832

The President being absent the meeting was called to order by the Vice President
Voted„ that the proposition to alter the constitution so that the Iniation fee shal read one dollar insted of two & the annual tax twentyfive cents instead of one dollar be addopted. Chancy A Hall & Saml Knox delivered a Dialogue on modern Improvement

The disputants not being presant the question Ought the third artile of the Bill of rights to be expunged from the Constitution of this Commonwealth. was continued for the next meeting„ the same disputants to discuss it
Voted„ That this meeting be adjourned

Milton Boies Sect   O. Sage Esq Vice Prest

Proceedings of the Lyceum Febry 8th 1832

The meeting was called to order by by the President the question appointed for this evenings discussion was then discussed by Rufus Blair Esq in the affirmative and Justus Boies in the negative decided by the society in the affirmative. Deac Eli Pease was proposed for a member Appointments for next meeting
Lecture by Doct Silas P Wright
Compositions by Col J Wilson & Milton Boies
Extracts by Edwin Ely & Saml Marks
Meeting adjourned
M Boies Secty   R Boies Jr Esq Prest

Proceedings of the Lyceum February 22d 1832

The meeting was called to order by the President
Compositions were read by Col. Wilson and
Milton Boies a Lecture by Doct Wright
on mental derangement

Appointments

Question, Is the Slanderer more pernicious
to Society than the Drunkard? Milton Boies
and Col Justin Wilson affirmative Dea Eli Pease
and Almon F Lloyd negative.
Lecture by Rev Dorus Clark
Compositions by Saml Mark & Justus Boies
Voted to admit Deacon Eli Pease a member
of the Lyceum
Voted that this meeting be adjourned two weeks
from this to precisely 7 Oclock P.M.

Reuben Boies Jr Esq Prest

Milton Boies Sect

Proceedings of the Lyceum March 7th 1832-

The President & vice president being absent the Sect
nominated Doct Eli Hall President protem
The question, Is the Slanderer more pernicious
to society than the Drunkard was discussed by
Milton Boies & Col Wilson for the affirmative
and Deac Eli Pease & Dorus Clark for the negative
and decided in the negative decision confirmed
by the society

Appointments

Lecture by Rev Dorus Clark
Compositions by Samuel Marks Justus Boies &
Rufus Blair Esq meeting adjourned two weeks
to seven Oclock P.M.

Doct Eli Hall Prest
Protem

Milton Boies,
Secretary

Proceedings of the Lyceum April 18th 1832

The President & Vice President being absent the secty nominated Rev Dorus Clark President protem

Lyman Gibbs Esqr delivered a Lecture on Doct Thomsons practice of medicin

The following officers were then chosen viz
Orin Sage Esqr President
Col. Justin Wilson Vice President
Milton Boies Secretary

Appointments

Doct Eli Hall a Lecture on Dr Thomsons system of practice
Milton Boies on the growth of the mulberry & the culture of silk.
Voted to adjourn one week to settle the concerns of the Lyceum
Milton Boies Sect   Dorus Clark Prest pro

Proceedings of the 1st Meeting held Decembr 1832

This meeting being the first for the season the Lyceum proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing term when

Orrin Sage was chosen President
Dr Silas P. Wright vice President
Eli Pease Secretary
Milton Boise Treasurer
Orrin Sage Librarian

Dr Eli Hall
Milton Boise
Justus Boise } Curators
Doctr S.P. Wright and
Spelman Gibbs

Voted. That the Treasurer be directed to collect all arrears of taxes that may be due, and make an accurate statement of the funds of the Lyceum at the meeting to be held in four weeks —

Appointments

An introductory lecture to be delivered by the Revd Mr Clarke — also, a lecture by Dr Hall upon any subject in his profession — also upon the growth of the Mulberry and culture of silk by Milton Boise —

Voted. That the next meeting be a public one — and that the Secretary put up notice of the same —

Voted. To adjourn for two weeks to meet at 6 O'clock —

M. Boise Secy. O Sage vice Prest.

Proceedings of the Lyceum January 2nd 1833

The President being absent the Vice Prest. presided. —

Rev. Dorus Clarke delivered a Lecture on the life & writings of Lord Bacon.

Milton Boies was excused from the lecture of his appointment & Dr Hall's lecture was posponed.

Some remarks were made by Dr. Hall & others on the growth of the Mulberry & the culture of Silk — also on the preservation of the honey Bee & the methods of obtaining & preserving Honey. —

Appointments. Lecture by Dr. Eli Hall
Lecture " Francis F. Marbury on Phrenology. —
Discuſsion by Rufus Blair Esqr & Eli Pease of the following Question which was offered by them & accepted. — "Is there reason to believe that the Union of the present United States under our Republican form of Government will be of short duration".
Composition by Chaney A. Hall.
also " - by Samuel Knox.

Voted — That a committee of two be chosen to revise the 4th. Article in the Constitution respecting the Fee for Life Membership & report whether any & if any what alteration it is expedient to make in the same. —
Dr Eli Hall & Eli Pease were chosen said Committee;

Voted — To adjourn for two weeks to meet at 6 o'clock. —

Eli Pease Secretary. Silas P. Wright Vice Prest.

Proceedings of the Lyceum Jany. 16. 1833 —

The Secretary being absent Dr S. P. Wright was chosen Secy. Pro tem.

The Committee chosen to revise the 4th Article of the Constitution reported an amendment by which any member paying at one time Five Dollars; or paying such a sum at one time as will raise his previous payments to 5 Dolls. shall become a Life Member.

Voted that the proposed amendment lie over until the next Lyceum meeting.

A Lecture was delivered by Francis F. Marbury.
also one by Chancey A. Hall on the different theories of Volcanoes.

The Treasurer's report was presented. —

Dr Eli Hall was excused for the present meeting. —

Appointments. — The Question proposed at the last meeting ~~was~~ was continued & Francis F. Marbury & Justus Boise were added, (the former on the affirmative & the latter on the negative) to assist in the discussion of the subject.

Dr. Halls Lecture was continued. —

Milton Boise was to present a Composition on History.

Voted To adjourn this Meeting for two weeks to meet at 6 o'clock

Eli Pease Secy. Orrin Sage Prest.

Proceedings of the Lyceum January 30th 1833

The Amendment reported to the 4th Article of the Constitution was recommitted to the Committee with instructions to report on the whole Article — Rev. Dorus Clarke was added to the Committee. The Question, "Is there reason to believe that the union of the present United States, under our Republican form of Government, will be of short duration", was discussed and the President gave his opinion in the Negative. —

Appointments
Dr Halls Lecture was continued as the appointment for next meeting
Milton Boies' appointment was continued — Composition on History
Dr. Wright to read a Composition
Mr Marbury such exercise as he may think proper

An application was presented from Mr. Stearns to be admitted as a member of the Lyceum. —

Voted. To adjourn for 2 weeks to meet at 6 o'clock

Eli Pease Secy. — Orrin Sage Prest. —

Proceedings of the Lyceum February 27th 1833

The Secretary being absent Rufus Blair Esqr was chosen Sec. pro tempore.

Dr. Eli Hall delivered a Lecture on the Cholera

Mr Harvin H. Stearns was admitted a member of the Lyceum. —

Appointments.

Rev Dorus Clarke to deliver a Lecture at the next meeting.
& Dr. Silas P. Wright to read a Composition.

Voted to adjourn for two weeks to meet at 6 o'clock.

Eli Pease Sec. — Orrin Sage Presᵗ.

Proceedings of the Lyceum February 12. 1834

The Lyceum proceeded to the choice of Officers, and chose

Rev. Dorus Clarke President
Spelman Gibbs Vice Prest.
Justus Boise Secretary
Dr. Silas P. Wright Treasurer
Eli Pease Librarian

Dr. Eli Hall
Dr. S. P. Wright
Eli Pease
Rev. D. Clarke
Orrin Sage
} Curators.

Voted – That all meetings of the Lyceum shall hereafter be public.

Voted — That the 9th & 10th Articles of the Bye Laws be stricken out.

Voted. — That a committee of two be chosen to revise the Constitution & report at the next meeting

Chose Justus Boies
Rev. D. Clarke } Committee

The Appointments for the last meeting were renewed
Lecture by Rev D. Clarke
Composition by Dr. Wright

Voted – To adjourn for one week Eli Pease. Secretary —

Proceedings of the meeting held Feb 26, 1834,

The records of the last meeting was read. — on motion it was voted, That the report of the Committee chosen at the meeting to revise the constitution, be deferred to a future meeting —

Dr J. P. Wright deliv^d a Lecture on the formation & growth of Bones — also

Rev Dorus Clarke deliv^d an Astronomical Lecture

The following Theme was presented for discussion at the next meeting to wit — "Which is most worthy of public support The American Colonization Society, or the Anti Slavery Society"

The following Gentlemen were appointed disputants —

For Am. Colonization Soc	For Anti Slavery Society
Dr Eli Hall	Dea Eli P[illegible]
Justus Boies	Milton Boies
Rufus Blair Esq	H. H. Stearns &
	Wm P. Bliss —

Voted to adjourn one week —

Justus Boies Sec'y
D. Clarke Presd

Proceedings of the Lyceum March 5. 1834 —

The following subject, (proposed at the last meeting) was discussed — to wit — "Which is most worthy of public support, the Am Colonization society or the Anti Slavery Soc^t. In consequence of the length of the discussion, the Presidents remarks on the subject were ~~[illegible]~~ postponed until the next meeting

The following question was proposed for discussion at the next meeting — "Ought the public deposites to be restored to the United States Bank" — The following Gent. were appointed disputants —

	For the Negative
Dr J. P. Wright	Orrin Day Esq
Simeon Ratliff	Dr Austin Wilson
Capt ~~Lewis~~ B. Barnes	Justus Boies —
For the Affirmative	

Voted to adjourn one week —

D. Clarke Presd

J. Boies Sec —

Meeting of the Lyceum March 12. 1834

The President called the meeting to order. The Secretary being absent:- H. H. Stearns, was chosen Secretary protem
The President then gave his decision on the question that was discussed at the last meeting—
The question proposed for discussion at the last meeting was continued to the next meeting—
Voted to adjourn one week— D. Clark Presdt
H. H. Stearns Sec protempore

Proceeding of the meeting 26 March 1834

The Lyceum was called to order & commenced work — The question "Ought the the public deposits to be restored to the U. S. Bank" was discussed by L. B. Barnes & Dr S. P. Wright Affirmative, and Orrin Sage Esq & Col J Wilson negative. — voted to postpone indefinitely the decision

~~He~~ Voted that each member be requested to take part in the exercises of next meeting — and exhibit what he shall deem best —
Voted to adjourn one week D. Clark Presdt
J Bird Sec

Meeting of the Lyceum Decr 10th 1835

This meeting being the first for the season the Lyceum proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensueing term when

Spellman Gibbs was chosen President
Dea Eli Pease Vice President
Nathan Gibbs Secretary
Orrin Sage Esqr Treasurer
Dea Eli Pease Librarian

O Sage Esqr
Col Justin Wilson
Dr Eli Hall
Milton Boies
Justus Boies
} Curators

Voted to repeal a clause of the third article of the By Laws
Voted that a committee of ~~three~~ persons be chosen to collect the books of the Library and have them presented at the next meeting of the Lyceum { Chose Dr Eli Hall Orrin Sage Esqr Dea Eli Pease { Sd committee

Voted that each member take a part in the next meeting and exibit such what he may deem best}

Voted that a committee of seven be chosen to view such sites or situations on main street as may be thought advisable for the purpose of erecting a Tower (or observatory) that the committee find such a situation as in their opinion would afford a good and commanding view of Town, situated on or near Town-H. That they take the practicability of such an undertaking into consideration & report a plan of such building and estimate of the expense at the next meeting. That the Com— also take into consideration & report upon the expediency of planting trees the whole distance through Main St and upon the public ground} Voted to adjourn one week

{ Nathan Gibbs Secretary
{ Spellman Gibbs Presi

Agreeable to public notice a meeting of the Lyceum was held at the centre School house on wednesday evening January 9th 1838

Chose Rufus Blair Esq Chairman
Milton Boies Secretary

Voted. That this meeting will make an effort to re-establish the Lyceum.

Voted. That Milton Boies & Nathan Gibbs be a committee to examin the Constitution and By Laws & make such alterations as is thought expedient & report at the next meeting

Voted That the next meeting be one week from this evening at 6 O'clock P.M..

Appointments for next meeting

Rev Charles J Hinsdale to deliver a Lecture.

Justus Boies and Nathan Gibbs to exhibit

"What are the defects of our comm schools as at present managed".

Voted To adjourn

"Rufus Blair Esq President

Milton Boies Sec.

Proceedings of the meeting held Jany 17th 1838

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted
Agreeably to the appointments made at the last meeting
the committee to whom was referred the Constitution
and By Laws reported the old Constitution with
some alterations. Voted to accept ~~[illegible]~~ three first and
the fifth articles Voted to pass over the fourth

Voted. To reconsider the previous votes
Voted. To recommit the whole subject to report at next meeting
Voted. That Doct Eli Hall, Russel E Dewey and Rev Milton Ward
be added to this committee
The following Gentlemen were proposed for admission

Rev Charles J Hinsdale Rev Milton Ward
Russel E Dewey Justus Knox and Dileno Bartlet

Voted. Unanimously to admit the above named Gentlemen
as members of the Lyceum

Rev Charles J Hinsdale delivered a lecture

Nathan Gibbs exhibited. What are the defects of our
common schools as at present managed
Justus Boies was excused from fulfilling his appointment
After which the following officers were chosen

Rev Charles J Hinsdale President
Rev Milton Ward Vic President
Nathan Gibbs Secretary
Hon Orrin Sage Treasurer
R E Dewey Librarian
Curators Hon Orrin Sage
Justus Boies
Doct Eli Hall
Justus Knox
Milton Boies.

Appointments Justus Boies to present a dissertation on the subject
of common schools Question
Is the abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia
and of the slave trade between the States at present expedient
Milton Boies Aff R E Dewey Neg Rev Milton Ward
to deliver a lecture Voted to adjourn.

Milton Boies Sec Hon O Sage President

Proceedings of the meeting held Jany 27th [illegible]

"The meeting was calld to order and opend with Prayer by the Revd Charles J Hinsdale after which Mr Justus Boies exibited a disertation on the subject of Common Schools. Lecture by the Rev Mr Izard— Question discussed by Mr Milton Boies and R E Dewey. Is the abolition of Slavery in the district of Columbia and the slave trade between the states at present expedient.

Voted that the President invite school teachers to attend and take part in the Lyceum

Appointments for the next meeting—
Dr Eli Hall & Timothy Knox to exibit what are the Qualifications of a good school teacher

Question for discussion—
Is it desirable that the attempts of the Patriots in the Canadas to revolutionise the existing Government should be successfull

Affirm Orin Sage & Delano Bartlett Esqrs
* Neg— Rufus Blair & Dr Silas P Wright

Voted to admit Watson E Boies. Elliot Osborn & Timothy Knox as members of the Lyceum

By the request of the foregoing Gentleman the vote for their admission into the Lyceum was reconsidered on the ground that they wished to hear the constitution read previous to their becoming members—
Voted not to admit them until the next meeting

The Committee to whom was referd the constitution and By Laws were not prepared to report

* Disertation on Agriculture by Col. Justin Wilson
Voted to adjourn

Nathan Gibbs Secy   Charles J Hinsdale Pres

At a meeting of the Blandford Lyceum holden at the Center School House on Wednesday evening, Jan. 31 1838 -
Present. Rev. Cha.s J. Hinsdale, President.

The Secretary being absent, R. E. Cleary was chosen Secretary pro tem. - when the record of the proceedings of the last meeting was read -

On motion of Justus Boies Esq
Voted - That the Rev. Charles J. Hinsdale, when present, be requested to open the meetings of the Lyceum with prayer -

Messrs Watson E. Boies, Olcott Osborn, Timothy Knox, Giles Cumpton & Henry L. Hastings were proposed for membership & unanimously received by ballot -

A dissertation on the qualifications of a good school teacher, was then read by Mr Timothy Knox - Dr Hall's dissertation on the same subject was postponed -

The following question was then discussed, to wit:
Is it desirable that the attempts of the Patriots in the Canadas, to revolutionize the existing government, should be successful?

Aff. — Neg.
Orrin Sage Esq & — Rufus Blair Esq &
Delano Bartlett - — Doct. S. P. Wright. Left undecided -

Messrs Day & Spelman were then requested to hand in Compositions on any subjects they may choose at the next meeting; & the following question was given out for discussion at the next meeting, to wit:

Is the occupation of Agriculture more favorable to the cultivation of the mind than other occupations the

learned professions exalted?
Messrs Olcott Osborn, Watson E. Boies Saml Marsh, King S. Hastings, was selected for the discussion —

A dissertation on Mechanics was assigned to ~~for~~ Mr Giles Dayton, for this day two weeks

Voted — That the report of the Committee on the Constitution be postponed to the next meeting —

Voted — That the President be authorized to propose such questions to the School teachers to be answered in the Lyceum as he may deem expedient —

Voted — To adjourn —

R. E. Dewey Secretary
pro tem —

At a meeting of the Bloomfield Lyceum held at the Center School House [illegible] 7 1838 —

The meeting was opend with prayer by the Rev. C J Underhill — after which the record of the proceedings of the last meeting were read by the Secretary —

The report of the committee ~~who were~~ appointed to revise the Constitution & By Laws was then called for by the Chair —

On motion of R Blair Esqr.
Voted, That the consideration of the amendments of the Constitution be postponed for the present —

A disertation on Agriculture was then read by Col Justin Ludlow

Compositions were then exibited —
by Messrs Day and Spellman

The following question was then discussed
viz
Is the occupation of Agriculture more favourable to the cultivation of the mind than other occupations, those of the learned professions excepted?

Aff — Neg
[illegible] Geo Hastings — Albert Carston
F — Watson E Boies

Dr Hall's disertation on the qualifications of a good school teacher was postponed until the next meeting —

Mr Giles Dayton's disertation on Mechanics was also postponed until the next meeting

The following question was given out for discussion at the next meeting

Do males exert a greater influence in the formation of the human Character than females

Aff	Neg
Justus Boies	Nathan Gibbs
Revd A Milton Ward	Timothy Knox

On motion of O Sage Esqr voted that the members of the Lyceum meet at the Center School House on Friday Eve Feby 9th to act upon the revision of the constitution and By Laws

Voted to adjourn — Nathan Gibbs Secretary

Agreeable to the above vote the members of the Lyceum met at the center School House on Friday Eve Feby 9th and made such alteration and amendments in the Constitution & By Laws as By them was thought expedient "

" A clause in Art 9th and 11th in The ~~Constitution~~ By Laws " repealed and marked in Brackets.

An addition was made to Art 6 & 7 in The Constitution as added in the ~~Articles~~ Art 9 Three curators instead of five &c

At a meeting of the Blandford Lyceum holden at
The Center School-House Feb 14th 1838
Rev. C. J. Hindsdale Pres

" The meeting was called to order and opened with Prayer
" Rev Charles J. Hindsdale. After which a list
of questions were handed in for discussion
and approved by the society.

" A dissertation was then read by Dr Eli Hall
on the qualification of a good School teacher

" Mr Giles Daytons dissertation he not being present
was postponed until the next meeting —

" The following question was then discussed "
to wit Which exerts the greatest influence
in forming the human Character the
male or the female —

Aff	Neg
Justus Boies	Nathan Gibbs

On motion of Mr Sage —
Voted, That the Curators be authorised
to procure a Book case for the Library
of the Lyceum — And that the Treasurer
be authorised to pay for the same ——

" The following Appointments were then
given out for the next meeting

" Mr Giles Dayton dissertation on Mechanics to be —
continued until the next meeting

" Dr S. P. Wright to give a dissertation
on the duty of Parents in relation
to common Schools ——

Ought the Punishment of death
to be abolished — Aff Neg
a Disputants appointed Esqr Blair" Milton Boies
Watty Boies" Col Wilson

The following disputants were appointed
for week after next Rev Anson Ward
Giles Dayton" O Sage Esqr R E Dewey
disputants upon the following question
Is the Pulpit more favourable to Eloquence
than the Bar and the deliberative
assembly —

Voted" to adjourn one week" Nathan Gibbs Secy

Meeting of the Lyceum Feby 21st 1838

" In the absence of the Secretary O Sage Esqr was
chosen Secretary Pro Tempore
All members having miscellaneous appointments
and three of the disputants being absent the question
for the evening "Ought the punishment of death to be
abolished" was partially discussed by Watty Boies on the
affirmative and Cleot Osborn on the Negative
~~and~~ On motion of Orin Sage was continued for further
discussion next Wednesday Evening with the
expectation that all the disputants will be
present and participate in the debate —

A Subject was proposed for dissertation
by any member of the Lyceum, viz"
"What improvements can be made in Agriculture"

Meeting adjourned to next Wednes Eve
half past 6 Oclock

O Sage" Sec" pro tempore

Proceedings of the meeting of the Lyceum held on Feby 28th 1838

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the president. After which Mr Giles Dayton partially delivered a lecture on the subject of mechanics, to be completed at a future meeting—

Dr S. P. Wright gave a dissertation on the duty of parents in relation to common Schools. —

The question, ought the punishment of death to be abolished? was partially discussed by Milton Bois Giles Dayton Justus Bois —

The following appointments were given out for the next meeting, "viz"

A Lecture is expected by Rev Timothy M Cooley of Granvill on the subject of common Schools

The following question is to be discussed by Revd Mr Work and Mr Giles Dayton upon the Aff and R E Dewey and Mr Sage upon the Neg
"Is the pulpit more favorable to Eloquence than the Bar and the deliberative assembly? —

Dr Eli Hall Justus Bois. Watson E. Bois and Timothy Knox were appointed disputants for week after next;

Voted to adjourn one week from this evening to meet at half past 6 o.clock
Nathan Gibbs Sec

Proceedings of the Blandford Lyceum March 7. 1838

The meeting was opened with prayer by Revd Charles J Hindsdale..

An anonomous composition was read by the President.

The following question was then discussd by Mr Giles Dayton on the Affirmative and R. E. Dewey and O. Sage Esqr on the Neg. Is the Pulpit more favourable to eloquence than the Bar and the deliberative assembly? In consequence of the absence of Rev Mr Ward the Question is continued for further discussion in case the disputants desire it

The following appointments were given out for the next meeting viz.

Col. E Wilson to present a dissertation on What improvments can be made in Agriculture in this town?

Question for discussion.
Ought emigration to the valley of the Mississippi to be discouraged?

a Dea Eli Pease
b Watson E Boies Aff   Justus Boies
Almon J Loyd Neg

Disputants appointed for week after next are Dr S P Wright Timothy Knox Olcot Osborn & King S Hastings

Nathan Gibbs Secy

Proceeding of the Blandford Lyceum March 14th 835

Is it consistent with publick good that Licences to sell Ardent Spirits as a Beverage should be granted?

"The above question was discussed by the Lyceum —

A Lecture on the subject of temperance by the Revd Timothy M Cooley was exibited —

Revd Mr Ward exibited upon the affirmation of the question on which he was appointed at a previous meeting but was not present viz."

Is the pulpit more favourable to Eloquence than the Bar and the deliberation assembly?

Appointment for the next meeting —

Col. S Wilson to exibit a disertation on what improvements can be made in Agriculture in this Town?

Question for discussion.
Ought Emigration to the valley of the Miss to be discouraged?

Dea Eli Pease Justus Boies
Watson E Boies Aff Almon J Loyd Neg —

Disputants for week after next
Dr S P Wright Timothy Knox
Olcot Osborn & Rug S Hastings. —

Voted to adjourn one week — N Gibbs Secy

At a meeting of the Blandford Lyceum
Holden March 21st 1838

The Revd Milton Works was chosen President
& Dea Eli Pease Vice President
R. E. Dewey Secretary. after which
the following question was discussed
to wit:-
Ought Emigration to the valley
of the Miss to be discouraged?

Dea Eli Pease
Watson L Boies Aff   Justus Boies. Neg

Appointments for next week
Col Wilson dissertation continued
What improvements can be made in
Agriculture in this town;

Question for discussion -

Is the Abolition Society entitled
to patronage?

w King S. Hastings Aff   Dr. Silas P Wright Neg

Voted to adjourn one week   N. Gibbs Sec

1838

Proceedings of the Blandford Lyceum March 27th

Prayer by Revd Milton Ward —

The following question was partially discussed —

Is the Abolition Society entitled to patronage?

Mr Giles ~~Dayton~~ upon the Affirmative
and Dr Silas H Wright & Justus Boies
upon the Negative —

Appointments for next week —

Mr Dayton to complete his Lecture
upon the subject of Mechanism;

Col Wilson dissertation on what
improvements can be made in
Agriculture in this Town continued

The question which was partially discussed
continued for further discussion;
in consequence of the absence of
King S Hastings, one of the disputants —

Voted to adjourn one week

Nathan Gibbs Sec

At a meeting of the Blandford Lyceum holden on Wednesday evening April 4th A.D. 1838— Eli Pease, Vice President, in the Chair.

A prayer was made by Rev. C. J. Hinsdale—

Mr Giles Dayton then concluded his lecture on Mechanism—

After which the discussion of the question — Is the Abolition Society entitled to patronage? was resumed by

King S. Hastings,
Timothy Knox, &
Giles Dayton, in
the Aff. &

Justus Bois,
in the Neg.

Col. Justin Wilson's lecture on — What improvements can be made in Agriculture in this Town? was deferred—

Voted, That the Curators be hereby authorized, after paying all expenses of the Lyceum, to expend the residue of the funds in the hands of the Treasurer, in the purchase of suitable books for the Library

Then Voted, to adjourn sine die.

C. E. Dewey
Secretary.

At a meeting of the Blandford Lyceum holden Decem 13th 1838, the following Persons were chosen as officers of the Lyceum —

Revd Milton Ward President
Dea. Eli Pease Vice President
Nathan Gibbs Secretary
Timothy Knox Treasurer

Dr. Silas P. Wright
Shelman Gibbs
Watson E Boies
Curators

After which the following appointments were given out for next week. Lecture by Revd Charles J. Hinsdale on whatever subject he may deem expedient, —

Wm H. Blair, to write a composition on Education in common schools leaving to him to select any branch of the general subject that he pleases —

The following question was given out for discussion week after next —

Is it desirable that manufactories to any considerable extent should be increased in this country?

Disputants, Orrin Hayes, Alcot Osborn, Justus Boies, Timothy Knox.

Nathan Gibbs Secretary

At a meeting of the Blandford Lyceum Holden Decem 19th 1838.. Revd M. Wark Pres

After the meeting was opened the following report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

Recd by the Treasurer of the Blandford Lyceum Jan 4,,1835.. of Milton Boies former Treasurer - - - $4,,75

Jan 31,, 1838 of Demas Bartlett	1,,00	Initi fee
" Revd M Wark	1,,00	"
" Revd C J Hinsdale	1,,00	"
" Olcot Osborn	1,,00	"
" Giles Dayton	1,,00	"
" Walter E Boies	1,,00	"
" R E Dewey	1,,00	"
" King S Hastings	1,,00	"
" Timothy Knox	1,,00	"
	$13,,75	

Recd of Nathan Gibbs annual Tax for 1838

- - - - - - - -	,, 25 cents
" of Samuel Marks Do	25 "
Justus Boies ..	25 "
for S P Wright ..	25 "
for Eli Hall ...	25 "
	1,,25
	13,,75
	15,,00
	8 63
	$6,,37 Ballence

Pd S. Marks for Book Case	5,,50
George Hall for Wood - - -	1,,00
Cutting Do ...	30
Candles - - -	83
Paid for making Fire &c	1,,00
	8,,63

Ballence in the Treasurers hands December 19th 1838,, $6,,37 cents

Orrin Sage,, Treasurer

N Gibbs. Sec

After the foregoing report, was read and accepted Mr Wm W Blair read a dissertation on the subject of common schools—

Also a Lecture was deliv by Revd C. J. Hinsdale on the same subject

The following persons were appointed disputants for next week"

Orin Sage Esqr Alcot Osborn
Justus Boies. Timothy Kerr

Question: Is it desirable that manufactories to any considerable extent should be increased in this Country?

Also a Lecture by Mr James Boies,—

Col Silas P Wright Dea Eli Pease King S Hastings & Giles Dayton were appointed disputants for weeks after next" left with them to select their own question"

A Dissertation by Col Justin Wilson—

Voted to adjourn ~~one week~~ to next Wednesday eve to meet at 6 OClock precisely"

N. Gibbs Secy

Eli Hayden & Henry Dan were proposed by Col S P Wright as individuals to become members of the Lyceum to be recd at the next meeting,

Voted to adjourn one week

Nathan Gibbs Secy

At a meeting of the [illegible] Lyceum holden Dec 26th the following —
[illegible]

A Lecture was given by [illegible] Bow
[illegible]

After which the following question was discussed by [illegible]
[illegible]

Is it desirable that manufactories to any [illegible]
[illegible]
this Country?

The following question was given out for next week —

[illegible] —

Question for discussion is: Would any
[illegible]
no restraint imposed either by human or
Divine laws? disputants appointed are —

[illegible] Dwight [illegible]
[illegible] Hastings & [illegible]

Col. Justin [illegible]
Orlando? Bartlett & Saml. Marks
were appointed disputants for week after next

Mr Henry Day, appointed to read a
dissertation the same Evening

Eli Hayden & Henry Day who were proposed
the week previous, to become members of the Lyceum
were passed by a vote of the Society
Voted to adjourn one week

[illegible] Sec

At a meeting of the Blandford Lyceum
Thurs. June 28th 1838 O. W. Wilson gave a
dissertation on the improvement to be derived
from Lyceums.
After which the following vote was passed by the
members of the Lyceum.
Voted that a Select Com. be chosen to appropriate the money
that is in the hands of the Treasurer for the purchase of Books for
the Library of the Lyceum.
Chosen [illegible] Hinsdale [illegible] Wilbur [illegible]
[illegible] Hyde as Com. Also voted that a subscrip-
tion be taken for the purpose of making additions
to the Library.

The following question was then discussed by
Justus Bissell & Wm. W. Blair on the aff. and
J. King S. Hastings on the Neg.
Would we all desire to live on the earth were
there no restraint imposed either by human or
Devine Law.

Appointments for next week.
Wm. W. Blair to give a dissertation

Is it desirable that the slaves in the United
States be immediately Emancipated?

King S. Hastings aff. Justin Wilson
Geo. Oxelon neg. Justus Bissell aff.

At a meeting of the Blandford Lyceum held [illegible] 9th [illegible], the following appointments were duly performed.

"Wm. C. McBlair read a dissertation on the subject of mental improvement.

"After which the following question was partially discussed by Giles Gibson & Wm. Hastings on the aff. and Julius Dow & Justin Wilson on the Neg.

Q. Is it desirable that the slaves in the U.S. should be immediately emancipated?

"Appointments for next week."

"Wm. Henry Day, to read a dissertation."

Voted. That the question which was been partially discussed viz Is it desirable that the slaves in the U.S. should be immediately emancipated be continued until next week for further discussion — and that all members of the Lyceum participate in the debate after which all persons who are not members of the Lyceum who feel disposed are requested to take a part in the debate.

"Voted. To adjourn one week to meet at 6 o'clock precisely."

Recd. Milton Kent. Pres. Lathan Gibson Secretary

At a meeting of the Oxford Lyceum
Held Jany 24th 1837.

J. K. Gray Esq) Read a dissertation

after which the question, the question which was partially discussed the week previous was resumed, Mr [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] Washington & [illegible] Wilson & [illegible] on the Neg.

Question Is it desirable that the Slaves in the U.S. should be immediately emancipated?

Appointments for next week

Mr Watson & Mr Boies appd to read a dissertation

Voted that the question which has been discussed be continued for further discussion next week and that the members of the Lyceum who have not spoken upon the Question have the privilege of speaking first upon the same then any person or persons who are not members of the Lyceum to take part in the debate if they wish to. After which the individuals who have spoken upon the question have an opportunity of speaking again.

Voted to adjourn one week

Nathan G. [illegible] Sec.

V 7 S 116

16 68

17 76

11 96

At a meeting of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Watson E. Boies read a dissertation

A Lecture was given by Rev. Mr. Davis of [illegible] on the subject of [illegible] [illegible]

The Question which had been discussed the week previous was completed.

Appointments for next week.
A Lecture by Rev. Milton Ward.

Disputants appointed are Watson E. Boies
Wesley " Boies
Dea. Eli " Chase "
Esqr Rufus Blair

The following Question was then assigned to the disputants Will the Boston & Albany Rail Road when completed promote the general interest of the State [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

At a meeting of the [illegible] after which the discussion was [illegible] upon the Wesley [illegible] [illegible] upon the aff.

Voted. To adjourn one week

J. M. [illegible]
Sec. pro tem.

At a meeting of the Blackstone Lyceum held in [illegible] Feb 1846

The Rev. Milton Ward gave a Lecture

After which the question which was formally discussed the week previous was resumed by Rufus Bristow on the affirmative and Eli Peas on the Neg.

Appointment for next [illegible] [illegible] appointed to give a Lecture

[illegible] That the question be continued for discussion next week.

[illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] been [illegible] to the [illegible] State?

Voted, to adjourn one week.

[illegible]

At a meeting of the Lyceum [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] own request postponed one week.

The [illegible] was partially discussed [illegible]

[illegible]

on the Neg. [illegible] [illegible] upon the Neg.

Appointment for next Lecture Mr [illegible]

[illegible] persons should be [illegible] to make [illegible] an article of drink

Clerk

[illegible]

M [illegible] [illegible] Newport [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] M^c[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] proceeded to the discussion of the
question viz —
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] persons should be [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]

Officers [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Disputants [illegible]
Question for discussion —
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of the State?
To be discussed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
on the [illegible] —
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] —

(Signed) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

At a meeting of the [illegible] Lyceum holden March 6th 18[illegible]

The meeting was called to order by the Pres. after which Justus Bires read a dissertation on the [illegible] following question Will the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the state [illegible] upon the day.

Mr. [illegible] gave a [illegible] on the [illegible] of the [illegible]

Appointments for next week are a dissertation by Mr. Justus Bires —

Question for discussion
Are [illegible] Beneficial?

Disputants [illegible]

Voted to adjourn one week

[illegible] Secretary

At a meeting of the Blandford Lyceum held
March 13th 1839.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Milton Ward and the following Officers were chosen for the ensuing term,

Rev. Charles J. Hinsdale — President
Giles Dayton — Vice. President
W. E. Boise — Secretary.

Justus Boise who was appointed to read a desertation being absent the disputants proceeded to discuss the following Question

Are Dancing Schools beneficial?

Aff. { Rufus Blair Esq.
Giles Dayton
S. S. Day }

Neg. { Daniel Pease
Irving S. Hastings.

Dr. Eli Hayden being absent Giles Dayton and Samuel S. Day were assigned on the Aff by a vote of the Lyceum.

Question not decided.

Appointments for next Wednesday Eve. March 20

W. E. desertation by Mr Justus Boise.

Question — Are the inhabitants of Blandford highly culpable for allowing Lime-Teamsters and others to travel through Town on the Sabbath?

Disputants { Orrin Sage Esq
Col. L. Wilson
Olcott Osborn
W. E. Boise.

Voted to adjourn one week to March 20 1839
Rev. C. J. Hinsdale President W. E. Boise Sec.

At a Meeting of the Blandford Lyceum held March 20th 1839 – The Meeting was called to order by the President, and the doings of the previous meeting were read – Justus Boise Esq delivered a dissertation on the Family Institutions, — The disputants then proceeded to discuss the following Question — Are the Inhabitants of Blandford highly culpable in allowing Lime-teamsters and others to travel through town on the Sabbath? The Question was discussed by

Col. J. Wilson
Nathan Gibbs
Justus Boise Esq
Deac. E. Pease
with remarks by the President
Aff

Hon. Orrin Sage
Giles Dayton
W. E. Boise
Neg.

The Question was not decided

The Lyceum
Voted to choose a committee of three to prepare subscription papers to obtain funds to defray the expense of Publishing the Centennial address delivered by Hon. Patrick Boise at Blandford July 4th 1835

Justus Boise Esq
Giles Dayton
and O. Sage were nominated and chosen for said Committee

Appointment for next Wednesday evening
"Questions continued, relating to Dancing Schools? and violation of the Sabbath by Lime-teamsters?

Question

Can the Government of the United States be justified for running the Mail on the Sabbath?

Deac. Eli Pease
Watt Osborn
— Disputants —
Giles Dayton
Nathan Gibbs

Declamation

by Henry Sage.

Moved and Voted to adjourn one week.

Rev. C. J. Hinsdale Pres.

W. E. Boise
Sec.

The Blandford Lyceum met Wednesday March 27- 1839. The meeting was opened with Prayer by the President - doings of the last meeting were read - Deac Eli Pease made remarks on the Question,

Are Dancing-Schools beneficial?

The President gave a decision on the Question discused at the last meeting viz.

Are the inhabitants of Blandford highly culpable for allowing Pine Teamsters and others to travel through town on the Sabbath?

The subject was discused concerning measures to stop the above mentioned practice.

Report was heard from Committee appointed to circulate Subscription to obtain Subscribers for publishing Centenial Addreſs delivered by Hon Patrick Boise July 4th 1836.

Henry Day read a Composition.

Meeting adjourned without day

W. E. Boise. Sec.
Rev. C. J. Hinsdale Pres

Blandford Nov. 13- 1839.

The Lyceum met aggreably to appointment but few members present - Moved and voted to adjourn to Wednesday 6 O'clock P.M. Nov 20-

W. E. Boise Sec.
Rev. C. J. Hinsdale President

Lyceum Met as adjourned ~~to~~ Nov 20th
Meeting opened by Prayer by the President – remarks by Rev. C.J. Hinsdale and Mr Timothy on the expediency of annother adjournment there being but few members present and not advisable to proceed to business
Appointments for the next Meeting
Dr J.P. Wright to deliver a lecture

Question

Ought the U.S. Government to ~~have~~ retain~~ed~~ Joseph Cinquez and his fellow Africans taken from the Armisted in Prison

Disputants

W. E. Boise Aff. J H Knox Neg.

Moved and voted to adjourn two weeks

W. E. Boise Sec. Rev. C.J. Hinsdale Pres.

Dec 4 – 1839

Lyceum met aggreable to adjournment – Opened by Prayer by the President – Minutes of the last meeting were read Report of the Treasurer being read and accepted – after which Officers were Chosen. viz.
Rev C.J. Hinsdale was Chosen President
Jiles Dayton " " vice "
W. E. Boise " " Sec "
J.H. Knox Tres. & Librarian

R. Blair Esq
Dr J.P. Wright } Curators
Col. J. Wilson

According to appointment Dr J.P. Wright delivered a Lecture Subject the properties of the Heart. The Question Ought the U.S. Government to retain Joseph Cinquez and his fellow Africans taken from the Armistad in Prison?
Question decided in the Negative.
Dr H. Bryant & Samuel A. Day were proposed and admitted as members of the Lyceum
Voted that the Curators provide apparatus or a Desk for the Lyceum – Appointments for next week

Question

Ought our Citizens to be encouraged to emigrate to the west?

Disputants

Orrin Sage Esq } Aff.
Samuel Marks

Col. J. Wilson } Neg.
Nathan Gibbs

Moved and voted to Adjourn one week.

W. E. Boise Sec. Rev. C.J. Hinsdale Pres.

Blandford Dec 11 1839

Meeting called to order by the President and opened by Prayer — R Blair Esq moved that a committee of three be chosen to collect the periodicals belonging to the Lyceum Voted — Chose J.H. Knox. W. E Boise. and Samuel Marks Committee.

C. Sage Esq - Moved that a committee of three be appointed to expend the surplus funds in the hands of the Treasurer by purchasing books Voted - Chose Rev. C. J. Hinsdale. Nathan Gibbs. and Orrin Sage Esq. Committee. The Question was then discussed - Ought our Citizens to be encouraged to emigrate to the west? C. Sage Esq. Giles Dayton. Dr H Bryant, and Justus Boise Esq Spoke on the Aff. Col. Justin Wilson and W. E. Boise on the Neg. Question decided in the Neg.

Appointments

Question - Has the treatment of the Indians by the Government of these United States been Characterized by justice and good policy?

Disputants

R. Blair Esq C. Osborn	Aff.	Giles Dayton Nathan Gibbs	Neg.

Moved and voted to adjourn one week

W. E. Boise. Sec Rev C. J. Hinsdale Pr

Dec 18 1839

Lyceum was called to order and adjourned without attending to business

Blandford Jan [illegible]

Meeting of the Lyceum was called to order by the President – J. H. Knox was chosen Sec. pro tem – Meeting was then opened with Prayer by the President – Agreeable to appointment the Question "Has the treatment of the Indians by the Government of these United States been characterized by justice and good policy" was discussed by R. Blaney in the Aff. and Nathan Gibbs in the Neg. – R. Blaney moved and it was voted to continue the above question to the next meeting – also the Question "Are the mental powers of females equal to those of males" to be discussed by Justin Boise & Dr. [illegible] Bryant – James M. Boise to deliver an essay – Voted, To adjourn one week & meet at half past six precisely.

J. H. Knox – Sec. pro tem

Rev. C. S. Hinsdale – Pres.

January [illegible]

Lyceum met at half past six – Opened with Prayer by the President after which the Question was discussed "Has the treatment of the Indians by the government of these U States been [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] powers of females equal to those of males"

Disputants.

Dr. H. Bryant Neg Aff

S. S[illegible] Neg [illegible]

Question [illegible] do parents exert more influence in forming the character of children than Teachers? Voted to adjourn one week –

Rev. C. S. Hinsdale –

J. M. Boise Sec.

Jany 15 1840

Lyceum met aggreeable to adjournment at halfpast Six- Called to order and opened with prayer by the President - the Question "Are the mental powers of Females equal to those of Males" was discussed. by J. Boise Esq on the Aff & W. E. Boise in the Negative. - The Question by request of J. Boise Esq was continued to the next meeting of the Lyceum to give the regularly appointed disputants an opportunity to discuss the question three of them being absent - The Question assigned for Jany 22 "Do parents exert more influence in forming the Charackter of Children than Teachers"

Disputants

Deac. Eli Pease Aff. Dr. S. P. Wright. Neg.

Voted to adjourn one week.

Rev. C. D. Hinsdale - Pres.
W. E. Boise - Sec.

January 22d Stormy and cold - no Lyceum

January 29 unpleasant - Lyceum opened Mr Timothy H. Grist Chairman of committee to collect the Pamphlets belonging to the Lyceum was present and prepared to report but the report was defered to the next meeting.
Voted. To adjourn to Wednesday evening February 5th at half 6 percisely.

Rev C H Hinsdale
President.

W. E. Boise
Sec.

Blandford Feb 5th 1840

Lyceum met. Opened with Prayer by the President. Mr. T. H. Knox chairman of Committee to collect the Periodicals made his report— He had collected all the periodicals belonging to the Lyceum and presented them for the disposal of the Lyceum

Voted.– to accept of the Report.

Voted.– To choose a committee of two to examine the pamphlets and report if in their it would be best to have them bound or sold and in what manner it would be best to dispose of them.

Chose. Rev C. L. Hinsdale and Timothy H. Knox for said committee,

Question— Are the Mental powers of Females equal to those of Males" was opened for discussion the disputants were absent and no remarks except by the President which remarks favoured the negative,

Voted. to defer the Question "Do Parents exert more influence in forming the character of Children than Teachers" to Wednesday Eve Feb 12

Disputants

Deac Eli Pease } Aff
G. E. Boise } Aff

Dr. J. P. Wright } Neg
T. H. Knox } Neg

Voted– [illegible] adjourn one week

Rev C. L. Hinsdale. — President
W. E. Boise . — Secretary

Blandford Feb 12-1840

Lyceum was called to order by the Secretary - the President. and Vice. President being absent Orrin Sage Esq. was called to the Chair. the minutes of last meeting were read. and the Question discussed "Do Parents exert more influence in forming the Charackter of children than Teachers" - Question continued. to Feb 19. Appointment for next Lyceum - ~~Question~~

Rev. Wilbur Glover will deliver a Lecture, Question. "Ought a Representative to exercise his own opinion when contrary to those of his constituents"

Disputants.

S. S. Day } Aff - Nathan Gibbs } Neg
C. Osborn } J. H. Bryant }

Moved. and voted to adjourn.

Hon. O. Sage Pres. pro. tem
W. E. Boise Secretary

Blandford Feb 19. 1840

Lyceum was opened with prayer by the President - minutes of the last meeting were read - the Question "Do Parents exert more influence in forming the Charackter of children than Teachers" was decided in the Aff.

The Question "Ought a Representative to exercise his own opinion when contrary to those of his constituents" was discussed by C. Osborn and S. S. Day in the Aff. Rev. W. Glover and Orrin Sage Esq. Neg. Question was not decided but continued to Feb 26th Voted to defer the Lecture of Rev W. Glover to next week

Officers were chosen for the season viz.

Giles Dayton was chosen President
Col. Justin Wilson " " Vice "
Samuel S Day " " Secretary

Moved & Voted to adjourn to next Wednesday at half past six P.M.

Rev C. Tindale Pres.
G. E. Boise Sec.

Proceedings of the Blandford Lyceum

Feby 26th 1840

The meeting was called to order by Mr Dayton the President —

The Secretary, Samuel S. Day chosen at the last meeting declined serving, and Orrin Sage was chosen in his room —

The Committee chosen at a former meeting to collect the pamphlets belonging to this Lyceum made a report — upon which it was Voted, that they be sold at Auction at the next meeting if not previously disposed of at private sale —

The Committee appointed to purchase books for the Library made a report, that they had attended to the duty assigned them — and that the books were now prepared for use by the members —

The Lecture expected to be delivered by the Revd Mr Glover was at his request postponed untill the next meeting —

The question "Ought a representative to exercise his own opinion when contrary to those of his Constituents? was further discussed by Revd Mr Hinsdale and O Osborn in the affirmative and Dr Wright and O Sage in the negative —

The President gave his opinion favoring the negative of the question —

Lester Boies, Rufus Blair, Watson E. Boies & Justin Willson were appointed disputants on the following question — "Is it desirable that European Capitalists should to a great extent vest their capital in this Country?" The two first on the affirmative and the two last on the negative of the question.

Adjournd to next Wednesday evening —

Orrin Sage Secy —

Transactions of the Blandford Lyceum

March 4th 1840

Most of the disputants on the following question, viz "Is it desirable that European Capitalists should, to a great extent, vest their capital in this Country"? being absent, the question was continued for discussion at the next meeting — And King. S. Hastings and Nathan Gibbs were added to the disputants — The former on the affirmative and the latter on the negative of the question —

The Revd Mr Glover delivered a Lecture on "The Pleasures and utility of literary and scientific investigations, adapted principly to Young persons"—

Mr D. P. Robinson delivered an Essay on "The claims of our Country upon the Student."—

The disposition of the Pamphlets, was deferred untill the next, or a more full meeting —

Adjourned to next Wednesday evening —

Orrin Sage Secy —

Proceedings of the Blandford Lyceum

March 25 1840

Timothy H Knox having signified his intention of removing out of Town,
Dr Horatio Bryant, was chosen Treasurer and Librarian in his room —

Voted That T. H. Knox pay over any funds that he may have in his hands after paying the necessary expenses of the past winter, and deliver the Books and Book case into the hands of Dr Bryant —

Adjd to the 1st Wednesday Evening in Novr. next —

Orrin Sage Secy —

Proceedings of the Blandford Lyceum

Dec 2. 1840

Meeting called to order by Col J Wilson & opened by prayer by Rev C J Hinsdale.
Moved to proceed to the Choice of officers for the Lyceum
Justin Wilson was chosen President and declined
Rev C J Hinsdale was chosen President
Justus Boies Esqr Vice Presidant
Olcott Osborne was chosen Secretary
Spelman Gibbs was chosen Librarian
Spelman Gibbs was chosen Trea

Eli Rees }
Orin Sage } Curators
Horatio Bryant }

Appointments for the next Meeting

Question to be discussed

Has this Country reason to apprehend danger from the Roman Catholicks

Disputants
Justus Boies } Opp Rufus Blair }
Watson E Boies } Horatio Bryant } C Day

Reading Exercise by S. S. Day.

Voted to ajourn to next Wednesday evening 6½ O clock

Olcott Osborne Secy

Proceedings of the Blandford Lyceum

Dec. 9th 1840

Meeting opend with prayer by the President

On motion of R Blair Esqr the following was was adopted to be aded to the By Laws of this Lyceum. The President is to invite the ministers of the gospel, and teachers of schools in this town who do not belong to this Lyceum to take part in its exersises and assign them at his discretion

Voted That the President be authorized to invite the schollars in this Town at his descretion to take part in the exersises of this Lyceum

The Treasurers Report was called for given and accepte
The question given out at the previous meeting was partialy discused and continued to the next meeting

Mr Days exercize continued to the next meeting

Apointments for the next Meeting

Qu Are the advantages of party spirit in politics greater than its evils

Disputants

Nathan Gibbs }
Saml S. Day } Aff

Dea Eli Pease }
Olcott Osborn } Ne

Noah Bartlett to read a disertation

Voted To ajourn one week from this evening to meet at hlf past six o'clock

Olcott Osborn .. Secy

Proceedings of the Blandford Lyceum

Dec 16th 1840

Meeting opened with prayer by the President The discussion continued from the previous meeting was completed by the disputants apointed and the Question decided in the Aff
Mr Days exercise was performed by Mr Horatio Stebbins The President according to the 13 art of the By-Laws of this Lyceum gave a general invitation to the ministers of the Gospel and school teachers in this Town who do not belong to this Lyceum to attend and take part in the ~~Lyceum~~ exercises of the Lyceum

Appoints for the next Meeting
Question to be discussed, Are the advantages of party spirit in politics greater than its evils

Disputents
Nathan Gibbs — Dea Eli Peas
Sam S Day Aff Olcott Osborn Neg

Mr James Boies to read an essay
Mr Horatio Stebbins to declaim
Voted to ajourn one week to meet a half past six

Olcott Osborn Sec

Procedings of the Blandford Lyceum

Dec 23. 1840

Meeting opend with Proyer by the President The disputants being abcent the Question was remarked upon by the President and decided in the negative Mr Horatio Stebbins read a composition and Mr James Boies an essa

Apointments for the next meeting
Question Ought A person to be eligible to the office of President of the United States for more than one term

Dishutants
Justin Wilson — Orin Sage
Patrick Boies Aff Dr Wright Neg

Mr Bruster to read an essa, Increas Blair to read a composition
Voted to ajourn one week to meet at half past six oc

Clcott Osborn Sec

Proceedings of the Blandford Lyceum
Dec 30.. 1840

Meeting opened with prayer by the President The question Ought a ~~representative~~ person to be eligible to the office of president of the United States, for more than one term was discussed by the disputants apointed after which Dr H Bryant R Blair Esq & W E Baier volanteered to remark on the Question.
Qu decided in the affirm Mr Bruster read an essa & Increas Blair a selected peace

Appointments for the next meeting
Qu for discusion Have the African race suffered more at the hand of the American Citizens than the aborigines of this country

Disputants
Horatio Stebins Noah Bartlett
Eli Peas aff Nathan Gibb Neg

Noah Bartlett to read a composition
James Hinsdale to read a selected peace
Voted to ajourn one week to meet at half past six

Clcott Osborn, Sec

Proceedings of the Blandford Lyceum

Jan. 6. 1841

Meeting opened with prayer by the President
Noah J Bartlett read a composition
The Question given out at the last meeting
was discused by Horatio Stebins in the aff and
N J Bartlett in the Neg O Gage and W E
Boies vollenteered to remark on the Question
Qu decided in the affirmative

Apointments for the next meeting

Question for discusion, Is wilful falshood
ever justifiable?

Disputants
Rufus Blair and Mr Bruster Aff
N. J. Bartlett and Eli Peas Neg
W E Boies

James Hinsdale, to read a selected Piece
Ocean Hatch to read a selected piece
Voted to ajourn one week to met at half past six

Olcott Osborn Sec

Proceedings of the Blandford Lyceum

Jan 13. 1841

The President being absent the vice President Mr
Justus Boies called the meeting to order and wished
to be excused from presideing at that meeting
the Lyceum voted to excuse him and Orin Gage
was called to the chair The Question given out
at the last meeting was discused by Mr Horatio
Stebbins W E Boies and several others volunteered to
remark on the subject Question decided in the
affirmative,

James Hinsdale read a selected peace
Ocean Hatch read a selected peace
Appointments for the next meeting are the discuss
of the subject of common schools in general All
members of the Lyceum & schools invited to take part
Voted to ajourn one week to meet at 6½ o'clo

O Osborn, Sec

Proceedings of the Blandford Lyceum

Jan. 20. 1840

Meeting was called to order by the vice president and the minutes were read; When the president apeard and called for the discussion of the subject of common schools as given out at the previous meeting. Mr Horatio Stebbins read a composition on the subject Mr W E Boies Mr Justus Boies and the president remarked on the subject Lyceum voted to continue the subject to next week

Apointments for the next week
The subject of common Schools, a lecture expected from the Rev Mr Davis of Westfield.

Franklin O Blair to read a selected peice
Reuben Knox to read a selected peice
Voted to ajourn one week to meet at half past six

Olcott Osborn Sec,

January 27th 1841

Lyceum met at half past 6. PM. was Opened by prayer and W. E. Boise chosen Sec pro. tem. — Reuben Knox read a selected piece Rev. Mr Davis of Westfield delivered a Lecture — (he spoke of Common Schools & Common School Libraries — Condition of the Catholic Church, their doctrines and indulgences, Governments of Europe in the 15 & 16 Centuries. the Crusaders Martin Luther and the improvement we ought to make at the present day) — Franklin O Blair read a selected piece — according to notice Officers were chosen
Rev. C. L. Hinsdale was chosen President
Justus Boise Esq " " Vice "
Hon Orrin Sage " " Secretary

Moved & seconded to vote the thanks of the Lyceum to Rev. Mr. Davis for his able and instructive address delivered this Evening — Voted unanimous —

Rev C. V. Hinsdale and Samuel S. Day
were chosen Committee to return our thanks
to Mr Davis.

Appointments for next meeting
Common School Question continued
- Eli Hayden to read a selected piece -
Nathan Gibbs to read a composition.

At a future meeting the Question
"Are Select Schools beneficial"?
will be discussed.

N. S. Bartlett } Aff
Nathan Gibbs } Neg.

Lyceum adjourned one week
Rev. C. V. Hinsdale - Pres.
W. E. Boise - Sec pro tem.

Proceedings of the Blandford Lyceum

Feby 10 1841

The President and Vice President being absent, Eli Pease was chosen President protempore

Noah S. Bartlett read an essay on the subject of Common Schools - The difficulties and advantages attending the same -

The following appointments were continued for the next meeting - viz -
Eli Hayden to read a selected piece
Nathan Gibbs to read a composition
The question "Are select Schools beneficial" was also continued for discussion at the next meeting -
N. S. Bartlett in the affirm. - Nathan Gibbs in the negative -
Meeting adjourn^d to next Wednesday evening -

Orrin Sage Secy.

Proceedings of the Blandford Lyceum

Feby 17 1841

Nathan Gibbs read a composition upon the subject of Common Schools— Remarks were made upon the same subject by the President and Horatio Stebbins—

The question "Are select Schools beneficial?" was altered so as to read "Are Select Schools deserving of patronage"? and Noah S. Bartlett and Watson P. Boies were appointed on the affirmative; and Nathan Gibbs and Horatio Stebbins on the negative of the same—

Benjamin Hatch and Wm Boies were appointed to read selected pieces—

Horatio Stebbins was requested to read a selected piece, with the view of making such remarks upon the subject of *good reading* and giving such answers upon the same as may be asked him by other members— The exercise to be in two weeks from this evening—

Meeting adjourned to next Wednesday evg—

Orrin Sage Secy.

Transactions of the Lyceum
Feby 24th 1841

Benjamin Hatch read a selected piece — The question "Are select Schools deserving of patronage"— was discussed by Watson P. Boies, Horatio Stebbins, Noah S. Bartlett and Justus Boies and continued for further discussion at the next meeting —

Wm Boies read a selected piece —

Appointments for the next meeting —

Horatio Stebbins to read a selected piece, with the understanding that comments upon the same may be made by himself and others — [illegible]

The question respecting select Schools to be resumed —

Eli Pease to read an Essay —

Olcott Osborn and Rufus Blair were appointed disputants on the following question "Ought the punishment of death to be inflicted in any case? to be discussed at the next, or a future meeting —

Meeting adjournd to next Wednesday evening

Orrin Sage Secy —

Proceedings of the Lyceum
March 3 1841

Many members being absent, the question, "Are select Schools deserving of patronage", after remarks from Eli Pease and the President, was decided in the affirmative —

All the other exercises for the evening were continued to the next meeting —

Adjourn'd to the next Wednesday evening

Orrin Sage Secy

Proceedings of the Lyceum

March 10th 1841

The meeting was called to order by the President and opened with prayer —

On account of the small number of members present the exercises were postponed to the next meeting —

The meeting adjd to next Wednesday eveg —

Orrin Sage Secy —

Transactions of the Lyceum

March 17 1841

The meeting was opened and on account of the inclemancy of the weather, and the few members present, it was adjourned to next Wednesday evening —

Orrin Sage Secy —

Procedings of the Blandford Lyceum

Dec 16: 1841

Lyceum was called to order by the president and open by prayr by Rev C J Hinsdale
Voted to chose the officers for the Lyceum
Chose Justice Boyes President
Orren Sage Esq V President
Samuel Marks Secretary
Doct H Bryant Treasurer and Lybrarian

Doct S P Wright
Eli Peas } Curators
Justice Wilson

Appointments for the next Meeting
Ought a person in any case to be imprisoned for debt
Dispeutant Doct H Bryant & Eli Pease on the affirmative Orren Sage Watson E Boyes negative

Voted to adjourn to next Week Thursday Evening at 6 O Clock
Samuel S Marks Secaty

Proceedings of Blandford Lyceum

December 22 1841

The Lyceum was Call to order by the President and open with prayer by Rev C J Hinsdale the question Ought a person in any case to be imprisond for debt was discussed

Disputents Doct H Bryant Wm Street
Eli Pease affirmative O Sage Esq
and was decided in the Negative Negative

Voted to appoint a Committy of 3 to invite persons to lecture in the Lyceum at differant times as they think Expedient

Chose C J Hinsdale
Doct H Bryant) Com
Eli Pease

Voted that the privilegs of Honorary membership (the use of the library excepted) be extended to Professional men School teachers and Students residing in town the present Winte

Appointments for the Meeting
Doct H Bryant to deliver a Lecture
Reading Lessons By Franklin Pease & James Hinsdale

A discusion for the next Meeting Is it Expedient that Texas be admited into this Union
Disputants Olcot Osband affirm Col Justin Wilson
Mr Gaits Edward Hatch Negative

Voted to adjourn one week

Samuel S Mack Sec

Proceeding of Blandford Lyceum

December 29:1841

The Lyceum was call to order by the President and open with prayer by Chales H Hinsda
Lssons were red by Franklin Pease and
James C Hensdale

Voted that Curators be authorize to procure candle-sticks and desk for the use of the Lyceum

Voted that the members of the Lyceum in addition to the rule for drawings Books from the Library at the Meeting of the Lyceum have the priviledge of drawing the Thursday following there Stated Meeting

Apointments for the next meeting. The Discustion that was givenout at the last meeting for discuston
Is it Expedient that Texas be admited into this union

Dispitent Olcott Osband afir Col Justin Wilson
Orson C Gaits Edward Hatch Neg

Reading Lesson By Ossian Hatch & Joseph Knox

A Lectur for week after next By Patrick Boyes

Votid to adjourn to next week Wesnsday Evening at 6 O clock

Samuel S Marks Sec

Proceedings of Blandford Lyceum jan 5 : 1842

The Lyceum was call to Order by the President
and Open with prayer by Rev Charles J Hinsdale
Lessons wear reatt by Ossian Hatch & Joseph Knox
the question was Dis--Cust
By Mr Orson C Taits Aaffermta Edward Hatch
Olcott Osbrand Noy
and by Other members of the Lyceum
Jes it Expedient that Texas be admited into this Union
the discustion was decided in the Negetive

Voted that Secretary ~~the~~ be authorize to give publick notice
on what Evening there will Lectures graven in the
Lyceum

Appointments for the next Meetings
A Lecture By Patrick Boyes
A Compositoin by Franklin W Pease
Read Lessons by John Bowers & Porter Osbrand

Appointsments for Wensday Evenings 19 of jan 1842

Is it probably that our Republican form of
governments will be perpetualed

Disputents Patrick Boyes D P Robison
Franklin W Peas affr Samuel S Marks Ney

Voted adjourn to next Wensday Evening haff past 6 o

Samuel S Marks Secretary

Proceedings of Blandford Lyceum

Jan 12" 1842 The Lyceum was call to order by the president and open with prayer by Rev Charles G Hensdale A Lesson was read by John Bowers

A Lecture was given By Patrick Boyes

Voted to appoint a Comitty of three To report at a future meeting of the Lyceum the Expediancy of revizing the Eleventh article of the by laws
Chose Orren Sage Esq
Dea Pease) com
Dr H Bryant

Appointments for the next meeting of the Lyceum

A discussion Is it probably that our republican form of Government will be perpetuated

Disputants Patrick Boyes D P Robinson
Franklin W Pease affirm S S Marks
added to the number Dea Eli Pease " Jiles Dator

A readin Lessons by Elisha Shepard
Lewis Blair
Mr Lyman a composition of reading Lesson

Voted to adjourn one week

Samuel S Marks Secretary

Proceedings of Blandford Lyceum

Jan 19 1842

The Lyceum was call to Order by the chairma
and open with prayer by Mr Dayton

The discussion Is it probably that our republican
form of Government will be perpetuated
Was discust by Franklin W Pease S S Marks
Dea Pease aff Mr Dayton Nay
Patrick Boye D P Robinson
and continuall to the nex week or to week after.

Appointments for the next week

A Lecture by Rev Mr Daves
Reading lessons by Elisha Shepherd
and Lewis Blair alsor a Composition by
Mr Lyman
Voted to adjourn to nex wednsday evening at
haff past 6 o Clock

S S Marks Secty

Proceedings of Blandford Lyceum jan 26 1842

The Lyceum was call to Order by the Vice
President and open with prayr by Mr Hinsdale
A Lecture was delivered Mr Gillett
Voted The thanks to Mr Gillett for his able and
Eloquent address delivered this evening before the Lyceum
Votell to take up the former debate anew
Is it probably that our republican form of Government
will be perpetuated D P Robinson
Disputents Franklin W Pease S S Marks Nay
Dea Pease afft Mr Dayton
Oleat Osband
A Reading Lesson by William Boyes
A Lecture by Doct Bryant
Voted to adjourn one week

S S Marks Secty

Proceedings of Blandford Lyceum
Febr 1842
The Lyceum was open with prayer by Mr Dayton

A Lesson was read by William Boyes
The qustion for discussion Is it Probable that republican form of Government will be perpetuated
Was discust — by Olcott Osband
Dea Pease affirm Mr Dayton
Olso by Mr Hensdale D. Robinson Neg

The decision upon the merits of qustion was lift for the Lyceum

Voted To chose a committy of three to confer with a Committy that was choseen on the part of a publick Library to take into consideration the expediancy of uniting that Library with Lyceum library and to make their report at the next meeting

Chose Dr Wright }
Mr Dayton } Comy
Dr Bryant }

Appointments for the next Meeting

A Lecture By Patrick Boyes Esqr
a Composition by David Shurtleff

A Lecture week after next by Rev Mr Bates

Voted to adjourn to next Wednesday Evening half past 6 O clock

Samuel S Marks Secty

Proceedings of Blandford Lyceum Feb 9 1842

The Lyceum was open with prayer by Rev C J Hensdale

Voted By the request of the committy that was appointe on the part of the Lyceum to confer with a committy apointed on the part of a publick library to deffer their report to the next Meeting of the Lyceum

A Lecture was delivered by Hon Patrick Boyes

Voted the Thanks to Hon Patrick Boyes for his able and importent address delived this Evening before the Lyceum

Appointments for the next Meeting
Reading lessons by Israel Knox &
Henry Wilson
Composition by David Shurtleff
A Lecture by Rev Mr Bates
Voted to adjourn to Wednsday Evening half past 6 o

P P Marks Secy Justice Boyes President

Proceedings of Blandford Lyceum

Feb. 23 1842

The Lyceum was open with prayer by Mr Dayton

A Lesson was read by Israel Knox

A Composition by D Shurtlief

Mr D Robinson read an Essay

The Committee on the part of the Lyceum appointed to confer with a committee on the part of an Association in this place made their report

Voted to Except the report of the Committee

Voted to adopt the report of the Committee

report That the books belonging to the Lyceum be given up the said Association when they shall be regularly constituted to be used by them, so long as the union of the two libraries by cosent of the parties shall continue on the following Conditions

1 That books belonging to the Lyceum shall be subject to the rules adopted by the Association

2 The member of the Lyceum shall be members of the Association

3 The funds of the Lyceum after paying the current expenses shall be devoted to the purchase of books by the Curators of the Lyceum to be put into the common library

4 Any person who is now a member of the Association or may hereafter join in case he become a member of the Lyceum shall be considered as having paid the entrance money . a coppy of the report

Apointments Redding Lessons by Benjamin Hatch and William Hensdale

Question for discussion

Is it expedient for the United State governments to assist any of the states in the payments of their debts

disp't Justice Boye Esq W E Boyes

Rufus Blair Esq affirm Justin Wilson Gaylord

Voted to adjourn to next Wednesday Evening

S J Marks Secy Owen Boye Esq President

Proceedings of Blandford Lyceum
March 9 1842

The Lyceum was open with prayer by Rev C J Hinsdale
A Lecture was delivered by Mr Bates

Chose Orren Sage Esq President
Dea Eli Pease Vice President
Samuel Marks Secy

Appointments for the next meeting
discussion Is it expedient for the United States Government to assist any of the states in the payment of their Debts

Disputants Justice Boyes Esq W E Boyse
Rufus Blair Esq Justin Wilson Negative
Edwin Hatch affirm Olcott Osband

Reading lessons by Benjamin Hatch & William Hinsdale
Voted to adjourn to next wednesday Evening half Past 6 olloc
Samuel S Marks Secy

Proceedings of Blandford Lyceum
March 23 1842

The Lyceum was open with prayer by Rev C J Hinsdale A Lesson was read by William Hinsdale
Voted to pospone the Question for discussion till next wednesday Evening
A Lecture was delivered by Mr Fleming
Voted The thanks of the Lyceum to Mr Fleming for this able and appropriate address delivered before the Lyceum this evening
the Treasurer made his report on the number of Books wich belong the libra of the Lyceum
Voted that the treasurer retain paper the in his hand for the present

Appointments for the next meeting
Dr H Bryant to deliver a lecture
Question for Discussion Is it expediant for the U S Government to assist any of the states in the payment of the Debts
Disputant Justice Boyes Watson E Boyse
Rufus Blair affirm Col J Wilson Neg
Edwin Hatch Olcott Osband
Voted to adjourn to next Wednesday Evening S S Marks Secy

Proceedings of Blandford Lyceum

March 30 1842

The Lyceum was call to Order by the president Dr H Briant being absent and the Disputants on the Question for discussion — The Lyceum adjourn to the first Wednesday of next November

Samuel Marks Secy

Proceedings of Blandford Lyceum

December 18 1844

Voted to chose the officers of said Society
Chos Giles Dayton President
Chos Eli Pease Vice Presiden
Samuel Mark Secretary
Dr S P Wright Treasurer

Chose Watson E Boies)
Orren Saye Esq) Curators
Justin Wilson)

Voted to adjourn the Question that was to be dicussed this evening to some future Meeting

Question for discussion next Wednesday Even.

Is the policy of Rode Island to be justified in her proceeding in relation to T W Dorr
Dispetant Rev H Boies
Dr H Bryant
Mr Babcock
D P Robinson

Proposed to amend the 4 art of the Costitution by adding the following. Provided the Lyceum may at any annual meeting dispence with the initiation fee in admitting new members for the ensuing year

Voted to adjourn to next Wednesday Eving at 6 O Clock

S Mark Secy

Proceedings of Blandford Lyceum

Dec 25 1844

The Lyceum was called to order by the Secretary & Orrin Sage Esq was chosen President protempore

Voted to amend the Fourth article of the constitution as was propose at the last meeting

The Treasure made his report

Voted to except the report

Voted to invite the members of the Lyceum to take part in the debate this Evening

the Question that was given out last evening was discused in the affirmitive Rev H Boy-
Dr H Bryant
Mr Babcock

Voted to continue the debate to next Wednesday Evening and add more disputents

added O Sage Esq
Watson E Boies
Justin Wilson

Appointments for the next meeting
Reading lessons By Orrin Hatch
Joseph Honor
A Composition by David Shirtliff

Voted to adjourn to next Wednsday Evening half Past six O'clock

Samuel Mack Secy

Proceedings of Blandford Lyceum
Jan 1 1848

The President open the Lyceum and the Secretary being absent S P Wright was chosen Secy protempor
the records of the last meeting were then read
Oſsian Hatch & Josph Knox read picies
motion was then made to admit those persons who had been propose at the last meets
Voted to admit Rev Harper Boies Ruſsel Babcock David Shirtliff as members of the Lyceum
the names of Joseph Knox Oſsain Hatch Homer Lyd were propos to become members
the adjourd question was then called for when Hon C Sage read extracts from the minnits of the Dorr trial and also mad remarks upon the question

Voted not to Discuss the question now before the Lyceum any further

Appointsment for the next Meeting

Are the advantages of Party Spirit greater than its evils
Dispulents no Affirmative Wm E Boies
& J Marks
negative E Peas
Dr Wright

Vote to adjourn to next Wednsday Evening

S P Wright Secy protem

Proceedings of Blandford Jan 8 1845
The Lyceum was called to order by the Secretary The President & Vice President being absent C Gage Esq was chosen President protempor

The record of the last meeting were thet read

Voted to admit those persons who had been propon as members of the Lyceum Joseph Knox
Ossian Hatch
Homer Loyd

David Shirtliff gave a composition

The Question that was given out at the last meeting was then call on and discud By W E Bois S Mark on the affirmative & Dr S P Wright Eli Peas on the Negative The decision on the merits of the Question was deferd

Appointments for the next meeting

Is the invention of gun Powder benificial to mankind

Disputents Rusel Babcock
Ossian Hatch
David Shirtliff
Joseph Knox

A lecture by Rev Abrupa Bois

Voted to adjourn to next Wednsday evening half past 6 O clock

S Mark Secretary

Proceedings of Blandford Lyceum
Jan 15 1845

The Lyceum was call to order by the Vice President

The records of the last meeting were then read

The name of ~~Lewis L~~ Joseph Blair was then propos as a member of the Lyceum

The Question was then Discused, Is the invention Gun Powder benificial to mankind, was discued by David Shirtliff & Rusel Babcock and by members of the Lyceum

The President gave his decision in the affirmat

Appointments for the next meeting

Ought the United States Senators to Obey instructions from the Legislators of the States represent

Disputents
Russel Babcock
Ossian Hatch
Joseph Knox
Wm E Boies
C Sage Esq
J P Wright

A Lecture by J. Chs Bryant
A Lecture By Rev H. Boies
a reading Lesson by Homer Loyd

Voted to adjourn to next Wedensday evening half past Six o clock

S Clarke Secy

Procedings of "Blandford" Lyceum Jan,, 22 1845
The Lyceum was called to order by the Secritary
the President and Vice President were
absent David Shurtleff was Chosen
President protempor
The records of the last meeting were then read
Joseph L. Blair was voted into the Lyceum

The Question that was given out at the last
meeting was then discused by Watson E Bois
And Rufus E Babcock

The President Decided in the affermative

The Names of Elisha W Shepard & Wm, Mc Leur
ware propos as members of the Lyceum

Appointments for the next meeting

Joseph L. Blair a composition

Orsain Hatch &
Elisha W Shepard a Dialouge

a Discussion Is a man more likely to become
usfull in Society, who inherits a Fortune
Disputents David Shurtleff.
S Marks

Voted to adjourn to next Wednesday
evening at Six O Clock P.M.

S. Mark Secry

Proceedings of the N. Blandford Lyceum holden

Jan 29th 1845

The meeting was called to order by one of the Curators. the President Vice President and Secritary being absent Watson E. Boies was chosen President protempore. David Shurtleff Secretary

The proceedings of the last meeting was then read. Voted to receive Elisha W. C. Shepard and Wm M Lewis into the Lyceum. A Dialogue was then spoke by Orrin Hatch, Elisha Shepard

The question given out at the last meeting was then discussed by members of the Lyceum, and to be continued next Wednesday Evening. The names of Reuben Pancoe Jr, Wm Lewis. Orrin Hatch Elisha Shepard, was added to the Disputants

Rev. H. Boies was appointed to deliver a Lecture
A declamation by Wm. M. Lewis

Voted to adjourn to next Wednesday Evening at half past six O clock

David Shurtleff
Secretary pro

Proceedings of Blandford Feb 12 1845

The Lyceum was call to order by the Secretary the President & Vice President being absent Hon O. Sage was chosen President protempor

The records of the last meeting were then read

Joseph L Blair gave a composition

Rev H Boies gave a Lecture on astronomy

Appointment for next meeting

A composition by Wm M Lewis

A Discussion Is a man more likely to become usefull in Society who inherits a fortune

Disputents

David Shurtleff
S Marks
Russell Babcock
W M Lewis
Ossian Hatch

A Lecture By Rev H Boies

Voted to adjourn to nex Wednesday evening at half past Six O clock

S Marks Secy

Proceedings of the Blandford Lyceum holden

Feb 19th 1845

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President. the Secretary being absent Daniel Shurtleff was chosen secretary.

The proceedings of the last meeting was then read

Rev. H. Bois delivered a Lecture on Physiology

The question before the Lyceum was discussed by Rev. H. Bois
Daniel Shurtleff decision given in the negative

Appointments for the next meeting
A composition by Wm. M. Lewis
A Lecture by Rev. H. Bois
A discussion. Would it be desirable to have Physology persued as a study in our common schools

Disputants. Doct. S. P. Wright
Doct. H. Bryant
W. E. Bois
S. Marks

Voted to adjourn to next Wednesday Evening at half past six O clock

Daniel Shurtleff
Secretary pro tem

Proceeding of Blandford Lyceum holdin
Feb 26th 1845

The meeting was calld to order by the Vice President

The records of the last meeting were then read

Rev. H Boies gave a lecture on Physiology

The Question before the Lyceum was then discussed By Dr I P Wright &
Watson E Boies
The Decision by the Chair in the negati

Chose Watson E Boies President
Samuel Marks Vice President
David Shurtliff Secretary

Appointments
A composition by Wm M Lewis
A Lecture by Rev Mr Parmele

A Discussion Ought Christians to be active in party Politicks

Disputants Hon O Sage
Dr H Bryant
Russel Babcock
David Shurtliff
Joseph Knox
Ossain Hatch
Homer Loyd

Voted to adjourn to next Wednesday Evening half past Six O Clock

Samuel Marks Secy

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March 12. 1845

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President
Elisha Shepard read a composition
The disputants being absent. Voted to adjourn to meet Wednesday evening at half past six o clock

David Shurtleff Secy

Proceedings of the Blandford Lyceum holden

March 19. 1845

The meeting was called to order by the President
The proceedings of the last meeting was read

Rev. Mr. Palmer delivered a Lecture
Vote of thanks was given to Rev Mr Palmer for his able and Eloquent Lecture.

The question before the Lyceum was discussed by members of the Lyceum.

On motion of Hon. Orren Sage. Voted to adjourn to the first Wednesday of November 1845

David. Shurtleff Secretary

Proceedings of the meeting of the Blandford Lyceum held 10th Dec 1845

The meeting was called to order by the President The minutes of the last meeting held March 19th 1845 was then read by the Secretary On motion of the Hon Orrin Sage the society proceeded to the choice of Officers for the ensuing term

Ed E Boies	- -	was chosen	President
Dr Horatio Bryant	"	"	Vice President
I Le Blair	"	"	Secretary
David Shurtleff	"	"	Treasurer
Hon Orrin Sage	"	"	
Samuel Marks	"	"	Curators
Col Justin Wilson	"	"	

On motion of the Hon Orrin Sage it was

Voted That a committee of one be appointed to ascertain the condition of the Library and report at some future meeting

I Le Blair was chosen as this committee

On motion of Orrin Sage it was

Voted That the act passed at a meeting of the society held 25 Dec 1844 admitting members without paying the initiation fee for the year be adopted for the ensuing year Appointments for the next meeting were a Lecture by I Le Blair

Question to be discussed Is Capital Punishment right in any case

Disputants

Aff Rev Harper Boies Neg David Shurtleff

Voted To adjourn to Wednesday evening Dec 17th to meet at the upper Room in the school house at half past six o clock

I Le Blair Secy

Proceedings of the meeting of the Blandford Lyceum held Dec 17th 1845

The meeting was called to order by the President The Secretary then read the proceedings of the previous meeting As very few were present it was

Voted That the question for discussion be put over to the next meeting

Voted That a committee of three be appointed to ascertain the practibility of having a [illegible]se of lectures deliverd before the Lyceum the present term,

Messrs Samuel Marks Watson E Boies and Joseph L Blair were chosen as this committee

Voted To adjourn to Wednesday evening Dec 24th to meet at the upper school room at half past six oclock

J L Blair Secy

Proceedings of the meeting of the Blandford Lyceum held Dec 24th 1845

The meeting was called to order by the President The proceedings of the previous meeting was then read by the Secretary and approved A Lecture was deliverd by Mr William H Gibbs on the science of Phrenology On motion of Orrin Sage Esq it was

Voted that The thanks of the Lyceum be presented to Mr Gibbs for his able and interesting Lecture

Voted That the question for discussion be put over to the next meetin

Voted To Adjourn to Wednesday evening Dec 31 to meet at the Center School House at half past six oclock

J L Blair Secy

Proceedings of the meeting of the Blandford Lyceum held Dec 31st 1845

The meeting was called to order by the President
The proceedings of the previous meeting was then read by the Secretary
The question Ought Capital Punishment to be inflicted in any case Was then discussed by Rev Harper Boies in the Aff and Watson E Boies and D P Robinson on the Neg-
No definite decision was given on the question
On motion of Orin Sage Esq it [illegible]
Voted That the Treasurer be instructed to ascertain the amount of money if any in the hands of his predecessor and to immediately attend to collecting the annual tax
The appointments for the next meeting were a Dissertation by J L Blair and a Lecture by Rev Harper Boies
Voted To adjourn to Wednesday evening Jan 14th to meet at the Centre School House at half past six oclock

J L Blair Secy

A meeting of the Blandford Lyceum was held Wednesday evening, Jan 14th
The meeting was called to order by the President and the proceedings of the previous meeting was read by the Secretary
A Lecture was delivered by the Rev Harper Boies
On motion of Orren Sage Esq it was
Voted That the thanks of the Society be tendered to Mr Boies for his able and interesting Lecture
Voted To adjourn to Wednesday evening Jan 28th to meet at half past six oclock

J L Blair Secy

Constitution

Article 1st This association shall be called the Young Mens Literary Association.

Article 2d The Officers of this association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer; who shall be chosen, by ballot, once in two weeks: Provided however, that the Treasurer shall hold his office through the year.

Article 3d The officers of this association shall perform the duties usually imposed upon those officers.

Article 4th Any person, whose object is Literary improvement, may becom a member of this association, by subscribing this constitution.

Article 5th This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

Amendments to the second article.

Voted, that to the above officers another be added, namely, A Reader, to be chosen for the season in a way appointed by the Association. Also,

Voted, That the Secretary ~~hold~~ hold his office four weeks.

December 15th, 1847.

Amendment to the second article.

Voted That the second article be so amended, as to provide for the choice of a Standing Committee of three; to be choesen annually by ballot.

Names of Members.

Charles J. Hinsdale
Watson E. Boise
S. D. Pelton
Eli Pease
L. P. Robinson
George Shurtteff
Henry B. Noble
Nathan W. Shepard
Timothy R. Boise
E. F. Ward
William E. Pease
Justus Shepard
Spencer A. Knox
B. F. Lewis
Lewis Nye
David Shurtteff
Timothy A. Smith
Joseph Jacobs
Elisha W. Shepard
Miles Collins
Henry L. Tinker
Madison Ward
Emerson W. Oatley
Eli A. Cross
Joseph P. Bronson
Leveritt Brown
Elihu Brown
Henry B. Sperry
Joseph B. Knox
S. J. S. Rogers
Henry E. Knox
Reuben H. Knox
Lyman Nye
Joseph A. Rogers
Franklin D. Richards
Increase S. Blair
Henry C. Wilson
Horace S. Hasting

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[illegible]
John Seymour
Wm. M. Lewis
James W. Hatch
Chas. Gates
[illegible]
Horace [illegible]
[illegible]

By Laws

By Laws revised Dec. 15th 1847, and these three articles omitted.

1st In case of the absence of the President and Vice President, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order, and a President shall be chosen by nomination.

~~2d The question, when discussed, shall be decided by the members according to the weight of the argument; and this shall be done by answering yes or no, when their names are called by the Secretary.~~

~~3d The disputants shall be appointed by the President, and during discussion, no disputant shall speak over fifteen minutes at a time, but shall have the privilege of speaking twice.~~

~~4th Interlopers shall have the privilege of speaking, on the question, ten minutes each provided however, that the whole discussion shall not exceed two hours.~~

2d After the question has been discussed, it shall be presented to the audience for decision, who shall decide, upon the weight of argument, by a standing vote. After which the President shall give his decision according to the merits of the question.

3d It shall be the duty of every member to preserve order and conduct himself decorously, and speakers shall address their remarks to the President.

4th Members (not appointed disputants) shall have the privilidge of speaking upon the question ten minutes each, provided, however, that the length of the discussions does not exceed two hours.

5th Disputants, (to be appointed by the President two weeks before discussion,) shall select their question and submit the same to the Association for approval one week previous to the discussion.

6th It shall be the duty of the Reader to solicit communications from gentlemen and ladies, and read the same after the decision.

7th Ladies who may favor us with their presence shall be considered honorary members of the Association, and are respectfully requested to promote its interests by associated or individual effort as they may deem expedient.

8th The expenses of the association shall be defrayed by voluntary contribution.

9th No disputant shall be allowed to speak over fifteen minutes at a time; but shall have the privilege of speaking twice.

10th It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to superintend the general interests of the association; as directed by a vote of the same.

11th At the opening of each regular meeting the President shall appoint a Critic for the evening who shall take cognizence of the improprieties which may occur during the evening and after the other exercises are over he shall report the same to the Association; provided however he shall be permitted to use no personal allusions

A meeting of those favorable to the organization of a Literary Association, was held at the Center School House Wednesday Evening, Nov. 17th 1847, and organized by choosing Nathan C. Boise President, and Wm. M. Lewis Secretary.

Voted To proceed to the choice of officers for the next meeting, and the Rev. Mr. Ward was chosen President, Rev. Chas. J. Hinsdale Vice President and Wm. M. Lewis Secretary.

Voted To chose a committee of three to draft a Constitution and By Laws, and David P. Robinson, Rev Mr. Ward and Joseph L. Blair, were chosen said committe.

Rev Mr. Ward was then invited and accepted the invitation to deliver an address before the next meeting showing the benefits resulting from Lyceums

The following question was then proposed for discussion Has Precept more influence upon Society than Example?

D. P. Robinson } Affermative, J. L. Blair } Negative
Wm. M. Lewis } N. C. Boise }

Voted To adjourn to meet at the Center School House on Wednesday Evening at 6½ O.Clock Nov. 24th

Wm. M. Lewis, Secretary

According to the above adjournment, a meeting was held at the Center School House Wednesday Evening, Nov 24th The Secretary being absent David Shurtleff was chosen Secretary protem.

Voted To adjourn to meet at the Center School House Wednesday Evening Dec 1st at 6½ O.Clock

David Shurtleff, Sec Protem.

According to adjournment, a meeting, for the organization of a Literary Association, was held Wednesday Evening Dec 1st. The President being absent, the Vice President presided. The committee appointed to draft a Constitution and By Laws reported.

Voted. That the Constitution be adopted, also voted that a committee be appointed to draft additional Articles, and S. Pelton D. P. Robinson and W. E. Boise were chosen said committee.

Voted, That the Exercises for this meeting be deferred untill the next meeting.

Voted. To adjourn to meet Wednesday Evening Dec, 8th at 6½ Oclock.

D. Shurtleff } Sec, Protem.

According to previous adjournment, the Literary Association met Wednesday evening Dec. 8th. The Vice President called the meeting to order. The Secretary being absent, D. Shurtleff was chosen Secretary Protem.

The records of the last meeting were read and accepted. After which the following question was discussed

Has precept more influence upon Society than Example

D. P. Robinson } Aff.
E. W. Shepard }

W. E. Boise } Neg.
D. Shurtleff }

After the discussion the question was unanimously decided in the Affirmative.

The meeting then proceeded to the choice of officers. Made choice of W. E. Boise, President. S. Pelton Vice-Presiddent & W. E. Pease Secretary

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to invite the Rev. Mr. Ward to deliver an address at the next meeting.

Voted, That Mr. D. P. Robinson be this committee.

The following disputants were appointed, Geo. E. Pease, S. Pelton, G. Shurtleff, S. A. Hu

Voted, To adjourn to Wednesday evening, Dec. 15th, at 6½ o'clock

A meeting of the Literary Association was held Dec. 15th and called to order by the President. The proceedings of the last meeting were read by the Secretary.

The Committee for revising the By-Laws reported.

Voted, That the report be accepted and the By-Laws adopted.

Voted That the Constitution be so altered as to provide for the appointment of a Reader, Also,

Voted That the Constitution be so altered as to lengthen the term of the Secretary's office to four weeks.

After which the Rev. Mr. Ward was called upon for an address. As he was not prepared, the Association proceeded to the discussion of the following question, "Ought property to be the basis of the Elective Franchise?"

Spencer Knox } Aff
S. G. Pelton }
George Shurtleff } Neg.
Samuel Rogers }

After the question had been discussed, it was decided by the audience in favor of the Negative. After which the President gave his verbal decision in favor of the same.

Mr. S. G. Pelton was then appointed Reader.

The following disputants were proposed for the next meeting: Henry B. Sperry
Wm. M. Lewis
Justus Shepard
Joseph B. Knox

The following also for the week after next.
Leverett Brown
Elihu Brown
Joseph Rogers
Wm. E. Pease

Question for discussion at the next meeting, "Should Rail-Road Corporations be permitted to run their cars and repair their works on the Sabbath?"

Voted To adjourn to next Wednesday evening at 6½ O'clock.

Wm. E. Pease
Secretary.

The Literary Association met according to adjournment Dec. 22d and was called to order by the President.

The records of the last meeting were read by the Secretary. — The following question was then discussed. "Should Railroad Corporations be permitted to run their cars & repair their works on the Sabbath?" Disputants.
S. D. Pelton
David Shurtleff
Justus Shepard
Joseph B. Hoe
D. P. Robinson
H. D. Richards

Decided by the members in the Affirmative.

Decision of the President in the Negative.

A lecture was then given by the Rev. Mr. Hinsdale on the same subject The association proceeded to vote for officers.

Chose for President S. D. Pelton
" Vice-President D. P. Robinson

The following disputants were appointed
Geo. E. Pease
Rev. Mr. Ward
E. W. Shepard
Wm. E. Pease

Question for discussion at the next meeting "Is dancing consistent with good moral character?"
Disputants,
Leverett Brown
Elihu Brown
Joseph Rogers
B. F. Lewis

Voted to adjourn to next Wednesday evening at 6½ O'clock

Wm. E. Pease
Secretary.

A meeting of the Association was held Tuesday evening Jan. 11th, 1848, and called to order by the Presdt. The records of the last meeting having been read, the following question was discussed — "Is dancing consistent with a good moral character?" After the discussion it was decided by the members in the Negative. The decision of the President was in substance as follows; That if the term dancing were to be taken in its strict and literal sense, the question would be decided in the Affirmative; but if it be taken in its popular acceptation, and as it is commonly practiced, it is decided in the Negative.

Voted, by the Association, that the regular evening for the weekly meeting be changed from Wednesday to Tuesday evening.

The following question was reported and approved for discussion at the next meeting: "Is it consistent with Christian ~~character and~~ principles to own stock in corporations or companies which permit their agents or those in their employ to labor or travel for secular purposes on the Sabbath?"

Disputants. Rev. Mr. Ward
Dea. Eli Pease
Elisha W. Shepard
Wm. E. Pease

The following disputants were appointed for the second succeeding meeting
George Shurtleff
Spencer Knox
Henry Wilson
Horace Hasting

Voted, To adjourn for one week.

William E. Pease
Sec'y.

A meeting of the Young men's association was held Tuesday evening Jan. 18th, 1848, and called to order by the President. The records of the last meeting were read by the Secretary.

A Lecture was delivered by Dea. E. Pease on Temperance.

The following resolution was offered by Watson E. Boise and was adopted.

"Resolved, That members of this association who may in future be called upon to lecture shall be requested not to occupy more than thirty minutes".

voted, That the discussion for this evening be deferred for one week.

The association then proceeded to vote for officers. Chose For President D. P. Robinson
For Vice-President David Shurtleff
" Secretary Alanson Ward.

Appointments for the next meeting,

A lecture by Dr. Brewster, of Amherst, upon General Education, if his professional engagements will permit.

Discussion of the question deferred from this evening.

Voted, To adjourn for one week.

Wm. E. Pease Secretary.

A meeting of the young Mens Literary Association was held Jany 25th 1848 and the President being absent it was called to order by the Vice President. The records of the last meeting having read by the Secretary, the Association was addressed by Dr Brewster of Amherst upon the subject of General Education, after which it was

Voted, That we return our thanks to Dr Brewster for his able, eloquent and instructive address before the Association this evening

Voted, That the question to be discussed this evening be deferred for one week. — On motion of W. E. Boise

Voted, That a contribution be taken up to defray the expenses of light and fuel. —

Voted, To adjourn for one week.

A. W. Ward.
Secretary.

A meeting of the Young Mens Literary Association was holden Feb 1st 1848 and the Pres. being absent it was called to order by the Vice President The records of the last meeting were then read by the Secretary. after which, on motion of Elisha M Shepard it was

Voted, That all regular business for this; be deffered till the next meeting. Mr. J. L. Pelton was invited and accepted the invitation to deliver an adress before the Association the next meeting. —

Voted, That Mr Pelton be not limited in his address but may occupy such a length of time as may be convenient for himself. —

Voted, To adjourn till next Tuesday evening at 6½ oclock

Alanson, B, Ward } Secy.

A meeting of the Association was held Feb 8th 1848. And the President being absent it was called to order by the Vice President. The records of the last meeting being read by the Secretary the association was addressed by Seth Pollock upon the "Ancestry of the New Englanders"; then on motion of Nathan E. Boies it was

Voted, That but two of the disputants speak which were Elisha W. Shepard Aff. Dea Eli Bross Neg. The question was decided by the association in the affirmative by the president in the Negative

This evening being the evening to chose Officers the association chose for Pres David Shurtleff
Vice " Samuel Rogers

The following were the disputants for the next meeting
George Shurtleff
Spencer Kinney
Henry Wilson
Horace Hastings

For the next succeeding meeting
Samuel Rogers,
Alanson Ward,
Putnam Knox,
Joseph Knox.

Question for discussion at the next meeting
Is our country in danger of being overflowed by the Roman Catholics?

Voted, To adjourn for one week

Alanson K. Ward } Secy

A meeting of the Young Mens Literary Association was held March 7/48 and was called to order by the President. The Secretary being absent Elisha M. Shepard was appointed Sec protem ~~And~~ who read the records of the last meeting.

On motion of W. E. Boies it was Voted, That the question to be discussed be dispensed with for this evening. The Association then listened an address upon the "History of Blandford" delivered by Mr Wm Gibbs of North Blandford.

Voted, To adjourn to next Tuesday eve at 6 1/2 oclock.

Elisha M. Shepard Secy

A meeting of the Young mens Literary association was holden at the Lyceum Hall on wednesday Nov. 22nd 1848.

The meeting was called to order by Mr David Shurtliff

Mr Samuel Marks was chosen President pro tem, and T.J. Knowlton, Sec. pro tem.

The following question was then discussed "Are the works of nature more pleasing to the Eye than the works of art?

Disputants

David Shurtliff } Aff. Wm M. Lewis
Dr G.P. Webb } Watson C. Boies } Neg

The question was decided by the president in the Affirmative

The Rev C.J. Hinsdale made some excellent remarks on the usefulness of Lyceums.

The Association then proceeded to ballot for their officers.

The Rev Chas J. Hinsdale was unanimously chosen President

Saml Marks Vice Pres.
and Thos J Knowlton Sec.

Question proposed for discussion next week
"Is it expedient that the slaves in the United States be immediately emancipated?"

Disputants appointed.

Watson C. Boies } Aff Samuel Marks
Dr G.P. Webb } David Shurtliff } Neg

Voted To adjourn to next Wednesday evening at 6½ o clock

T.J. Knowlton Sec

In accordance with a previous adjournment the Young Men's Literary Association met at the Lyceum Hall on Wednesday Nov 29th 1848.

The Association was called to order and opened with prayer by the President

The absence of the Secretary being announced the Association chose I. C. Hinsdale secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted The association then listened to an animated discussion of the following question Is it expedient that the slaves in the United States should be immediately emancipated?

Any attempt to portray the interest manifested by the audience in the discussion of this question of such paramount importance would be entirely beyond the capacities of your secretary and any attempt at estimating the weight of argument adduced pro and con would be equally futile Suffice it to say that the affirmative was ably supported by Messrs W. E. Boies and S. P. Webb and the negative likewise by Messrs Samuel Marks and David Shurtleff.

The question was then reread and thrown open for discussion to the members of the Association. The debate was kept up on the part of the members for a long time with an unusual degree of interest and at its conclusion it was decided that the weight of argument adduced, preponderated on the side of the negative

The President then proceeded to make some remarks on the question under discussion at the conclusion of which the following question was selected for discussion at the next meeting viz Does education exert a greater influence in suppressing crime than Law? The disputants appointed were Messrs Elisha Shepard Franklin Richards William Lewis and D. P. Robinson.

The following question was also given out for discussion 2 weeks from that time: to wit: Is the Mexican War justifyable?

Disputants.

Messrs Watson E Boies } Aff.
S. P. Webb }

Messrs Franklin Richards } Neg.
J. C. Hinsdale }

The society then adjourned at a seasonable hour to meet the next week on Thursday Evening at half past 6 oclock.

James C. Hinsdale
Secretary pro tem

In accordance with a previous adjournment the Young Mens Literary Association met at the Lyceum Hall on Thursday Eve Dec 7th 1848.

The Association was called to order and opened with prayer by the President

The Secretary being absent A P Webb was chosen Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and accepted,

The Society then proceeded to the choice of officers the result of which was the Rev Wm Ward was chosen President and Samuel Marks Vice President.
Mr Ward being absent Alanson Ward was appointed a committee to wait on him and request him to be present this Evening.

At the suggestion of the President the Society proceeded to ballot for a Reader which resulted in the choice of — John Seymour.
The Audiance then listened with interest to a discussion of the following question
Does Education exert a greater influance in suppressing crime than Laws
At the close of the debate the Audiance decided that the weight of argument preponderated on the side of the Affirmative.
The decision upon the merits of the question was also given to the Affirmative by the President

At the close of some appropriate remarks by the President Messrs John Seymour and A P Webb were appointed Disputants in 2 Weeks from that time and to report a question at the next succeeding Meeting.

The Society then adjourned to meet the next week on Wednesday Evening at half past 6 O Clock.

G. P. Webb.
Secretary pro tem

The Young Mens Literary Association met at the Lyceum Hall on Wednesday evening, Dec 13th according to previous adjournment.

The President being absent, the Vice-President called the meeting to order, and it was opened by prayer by the Rev. C. P. Hinsdale. The Secretary was not present, and D. P. Robinson was chosen secretary protem, The disputants were then called to the discussion of the following question— Was the Mexican war justifiable?

After the question had been discussed with considerable interest by the disputants— and at some length— Wm W Lewis, spoke in the interim, in support of the negative.

A decision of the question was then called for— but no decision being given by the Association— the Vice President decided according to the merits of the question, in the negative,

D. P. Robinson moved, and it was carried, that an article be added to the by laws limiting the time of the disputants.

Mr Seymour then presented the following question, for one week from this evening;

Does the Savage state contribute more to human happiness then the Civilized?

Increase Blair & Henry Wilson, were appointed on the question,

The Association then adjourned for one week,

Blandford Dec 13th 1848. D. P. Robinson
Sec Protem,

According to previous adjournment, a meeting of the Young Mens Literary Association was held at the Lyceum-Hall on Wednesday evening, December 20th 1848. The President, Vice President & Secretary being absent, J. P. Robinson called the meeting to order, and Watson E. Boise was chosen President protem. & Wm. M. Lewis Secretary protem. The Secretary read the proceedings of the last meeting. The Rev. C. J. Hinsdale preceded the further exercises by prayer.

After which, the following question was discussed. Does the Savage-State contribute more to human hapiness than the Civilized? Which, after being ably discussed by the regular disputants, was further discussed by J. P. Robinson in favor of the negative, and David Shurtleff in the affermative.

At the close of the discussion the Association decided according to the merits of the argument, in favor of the negative, and the president upon the merits of the question, in favor of the same.

The following question was then reported by the disputants appointed at the last meeting; for discussion at the next meeting.

Will the Acquisition of California be beneficial to the people of the United States?

Alanson Ward and Wm. Pease wer appointed on the question. E. W. Shepard & David Shurtleff wer appointed to prepare & report a question for toow weeks from this time

The Association then proceeded to the choice of Officers. And Samuel Marks was chosen president, J. P. Webb Vice president, John Seymor. Secretary & David Shurtleff Treasurer.

On motion of Wm. M. Lewis, the second article of the Constitution was so ammended as to provide for additional Officers. An additional article, was also added to the By Laws. A collection was then taken up, to defray the expences of the Association After which, the Association adjourned for one Week

※ D. Shurtlef Wm. Pease & W. E. Boise were then chosen Standing Committee

Blandford Dec. 20th, 1848.

Wm. M. Lewis Sec. protem

※ This should be read before the record to adjourn, where it ought to have been recorded but was ommitted through an oversight

Wm. M. Lewis Sec Protem

According to adjournment the Young Mens Literary Association met at Lyceum Hall on Wednesday evening Dec. 27th 1848

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted after which there being no farther business before the Association they listned to an able discussion of the question reported at the previous meeting

After the discussion it was decided by the house that the weight of argument was in favor of the Negative. The decision of the President upon the merits of the question was also in favor of the Negative. After the decision of the question the President made some remarks ~~[illegible]~~ respecting the number of those voting upon the decision of the questions he was followed by several members of the Association who made various suggestions but owing to the small number present no action was taken upon the subject.

The question for the next meeting being called for Mr. Lewis after having stated that an arrangement had been entered into between himself and Mr. Shepard one of the regularly appointed disputants reported the following question viz.

Are Wars justifiable?

The disputants appointed to speak upon the question are the following viz David Shurtleff Wm M Lewis Timothy K Boise Miles Collins Elisha Shepard & John Seymour two extra disputants having been added to the usual number

The Disputants appointed to select a question and report at the next meeting are Dr. J. P. Webb & T. C. Boise. Communications from the Reader being called for he presented one after which the association adjourned till next Wednesday evening at ½ past 6 O Clock

Blandford Dec 27th 1848

John Seymour
Secretary

Blandford Jan 4th 1847

Pursuant to previous adjournment the Young Men's Literary Association met this evening at Lyceum Hall at ½ past 6 O'clock and was called to order by the President

The proceedings of the last meeting were read and accepted after which the following gentlemen were elected as officers for the two weeks ensuing

viz President Dr S. P. Webb
Vice " David Shurtleff

On motion of D. Shurtleff it was voted that Mr Marks take the record of books belonging to the Blandford Lyceum for safe keeping

The question reported at our last meeting was then discussed at considerable length by the regularly appointed disputants after which it was presented to the house for discussion when the Rev O. J. Hinsdale spoke after which the President called for the decision of the house upon the merits of the argument. Their decision was in the Negative The decision of the President upon the merits of the question was the same

The following question was reported for discussion at our next meeting by the gentlemen appointed for that purpose viz.

Are Secret Societies injurious to community?

The Disputants appointed for the next meeting are the following viz Dr S. P. Webb W. C. Boise Henry E. Knox and Edwin F Ward

The gentlemen appointed to select a question & report at our next meeting are the following viz, Dea. Eli Pease & D P Robinson

The President then named the following gentlemen to declaim at the next meeting viz
Henry E. Knox & Timmothy R. Boise

Adjourned ~~till~~ for one week

John Seymour
Secretary

Blandford Jan 10th 1849

Pursuant to adjournment the Young Mens Literary Association met this evening at Lyceum Hall, President Webb in the chair; the minutes of the last meeting having been read and accepted, the Association listned to declamations from Messrs Henry E. Knox and Timothy R. Boise.

The discussion being next in order, the question reported at our last meeting was discussed at some length by the regular disputants, and afterwards presented to the house for discussion when Messrs E W Shepard and D. P. Robinson resumed the discussion, after which the President called for the decision of the house upon the merits of the argument; their decision was in the affirmative. The decision of the President upon the merits of the question was also in the affirmative.

The following question was reported for discussion at our next meeting viz.

Are the signs of the times ominous of evil for the perpetuity of our Republic?

The Disputants appointed are Dea Eli Pease D. P. Robinson Alanson Ward and Wm E Pease

The Disputants appointed to select a question and report at our next meeting are Elisha W Shepard and Wm M. Lewis

Declaimers next week Alanson Ward and Miles Collins

Voted to choose a committe to inform Dea E Pease of his appointment next week. Wm Pease was chosen that committe

Voted that the Secretary be requested to report an article as an addition to the By Laws at our next meeting empowering the President to appoint a critic.

Voted to adjourn for one week.

John Seymour
Secretary

Blandford Jan 17th 1847

Agreeable to adjournment the Young Mens Literary Association met this evening at Lyceum Hall and came to order at the call of the President. The proceedings of the last meeting were read and accepted after which the society proceeded to the election of officers which resulted in the choice of the following gentlemen

For President David Shurtleff
" Vice " D. P. Robinson
" Secretary Alanson H Ward

The report of the Secretary on an additional article of the By Laws being called for it was presented and accepted. Wm Otis Lewis was appointed critic. The association then listned to Declamations from Messrs A H Ward & Miles Collins. Previous to the discussion it was moved by D P Robinson and carried that Mr Harvey of Russel and some other gentleman be appointed as disputants in addition to those already appointed

Messrs Harvey and Richards were thereupon appointed as disputants and after a lengthy & animated discussion upon the question previously proposed it was decided by the house that the Negative had been most ingenious in presenting arguments the decision of the President upon the merits of the question was in the affirmative.

The question for the next meeting being called for the following was reported by the gentlemen appointed for that purpose

Question Is agriculture more benefical to mankind than commerce?

The disputants appointed for the next meeting are Elisha H Shepard, Wm M Lewis H E Boise and George Shurtleff the gentlemen appointed to select a question for two weeks from this evening are Mr Harvey and J Seymour Declaimers next week Wm E Pease and Jas H Hatch The Reader being called on presented to the association two communications after which it was voted to adjourn one week

John Seymour
Secretary

Blandford Jan 24th 1849

Agreeable to adjournment the Young Mens Literary Association met this evening at the Lyceum Hall and came to order at the call of the President. The records of the last meeting were read and accepted. after which the President appointed J. Seymour critic Association listened to declamations from Messrs. Wm E Pease & Jas W Hatch.

Previous to discussion the President appointed two additional disputants to speak on the question this evening viz: Aff. D. P. Robinson.
Neg. Hiram Brazee.

after which the question previously proposed was discussed with considerable interest and also at great length. The question was then laid open for decision. and it was decided by the house that the affirmative had been the most ingenious in presenting arguments, The Presidents decision was also in the affirmative. The question for the next meeting being called for, the following was reported by the gentleman appointed for that purpose, Question. Does the progress of civilization tend to diminish the love of martial glory?

The disputants appointed for the next meeting are, Messrs *~~Elisha W Shepard~~, H S Harvey
D. P. Robinson, & Dast S P Webb

The gentleman appointed to report a question for two weeks from this evening are,
Messrs. Saml Marks, & Truman Blair.

Declaimers next week Eli A Cross. & Henry Knox

The Reader being called on for communications presented none. after which it was moved by Mr Watson E Boise and carried that on account of another appointment next Wednesday evening that the Association adjourn to next Thursday evening at 6½ o'clock.

Alanson, H. Ward.
Secretary

* Incorrectly recorded. Read J Seymour

Blandford Feby 1st 1849

Agreeable to adjournment the Youngs Mens Litirary Association met this evening at the Lyceum Hall and came to order at the call of the President. The proceedings of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted after which the President appointed Mr Wm M Lewis critic —

This evening being the evening to chose officers, the Association preceded to ballot, which resulted in the choice of the following gentlemen, viz,

For President David, P, Robinson,
" Vice " John, Seymour,

The Association then listened to declaimation from Mr Henry E Knox the other appointed declaimer being absent

Previous to the discussion, the President appointed Messrs Wm M Lewis and, Aff
Franklin Richards, Neg to
speak in place of Messrs S P Webb and
H S Harvey who were absent.
after which the question previously proposed was discussed, ~~with~~ considerable interest and till a late hour. The question was then laid open for decision, and was decided by the house that the affirmative had been the most ingenious in presenting arguments. The Presidents decision on the merits of the questions was also in the affirmative.

The question for the next meeting being called for the following was handed to the Secretary by the gentleman appointed for that purpose and read viz, Question. Does the Roman Catholic religion Seriously endanger our free institutions?

Disputants - Messrs { Saml Marks, J Seymour
Truman Blair, & F Richards

The gentleman appointed to report a question for two weeks from this evening are Messrs W E Boies and E W Shepard. Declaimers next week, Messrs, Miles Collins & Justus Shepard.

Voted, To adjourn ~~for~~ to ~~one~~ next ~~week~~ Wednesday evening at 6½ o clock precisely. A, H, Ward. Secy

Blandford Febd 7th 1849

Agreeable to adjournment the Young Mens Literary Association met this evening at the Lyceum Hall and came to order at the call of the President. The proceedings of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted after which the President appointed Mr Watson E Boise critic

The Association then listened to declaimation from Mr Miles Colling the other appointed declaimer being absent. Previous to discussion the President appointed Mr Wm M Lewis to speak on the question in place Mr Saml Marks absent, after which the question previously proposed was discussed by the regular disputants at some length — and also by Mr Elisha W Shepard who spoke in the interim in favor of the Affirmative and ~~[illegible]~~ Mr Watson E Boies in favor of the Negative

The question was then laid open for a decision and was decided by the house by a large majority that the Negative had been the most ingenious in presenting arguments The President decision on the merits of the question was ~~one~~ the affirmative.

Next critic reported. The question for the next meeting being called for, the following was reported by the gentleman appointed for that purpose viz Question. Are our present banking institutions managed for the best interest of the people?

Disputants. Messrs Watson E Boies. Elihu Brown Elisha W Shepard. Leverett Brown

The gentlemen appointed to report a question for two weeks from this evening are ~~Messrs~~ Wm Messrs William E Pease & Alanson H Ward.

Declaimers next week Messrs J K Boise & E F Ward

The ~~critic~~ Reader being called on for communications presented none after which it was Voted, To adjourn for one week

A. H. Ward

Secy

According to adjournment, the Young Mens Literary Association meet at the Lyceum Hall on Wednesday evening, Feb: 14th 1849., and was called to order by the President.

The Secretary being absent, Wm M Lewis was chosen Secretary protem., and the records of the last meeting wer read and accepted.

The president appointed John Seymour Critic.

The Association then proceeded to the choice of officers, and John Seymour was chosen president, E. W. Shepard vice president & Wm E. Pease Secretary.

The Association then listened to declimations from Timothy R. Boise & Edwin F. Ward.

The president appointed John Seymour, Wm E. Pease and Henry E. Knox to fill the places of absentees upon the question,

After which, the disputents proceeded to the discussion of the question proposed at the last meeting, when; E. W. Shepard coming in, John Seymour was excused, and gave way for Mr. Shepard; he being one of the regular disputents.

After the discussion, the Association decided the question according to the merits of the argument, in favor of the affirmative, and the President, according to the merits of question, in favor of the negative. The Association next listened to the report of the Critic.

The following question for discussion at the next meeting was then reported.

Aught ~~the~~ the liberties of the press to be restricted?

Disputents
Alanson H. Ward
Wm E. Pease

Wm M. Lewis
Samuel Marks

The president made the following appointments for next week, viz. David Shurtleff & Joseph Rogers to present a question, Henry E. Knox & Eli P. Cross declaimers.

After which, the Association adjourned to meet next Wednesday evening at half past Six Oclock.

Wm M. Lewis Sec. protem

Blandford, Feb. 21st, 1849.

According to adjournment the Young Men's Literary Association met this evening at the Lyceum Hall and was called to order by the President. The records of the last meeting were read and accepted. The President appointed David Shurtleff Critic for the evening.

The declaimers being absent, the question reported at the last meeting was then discussed, E. W. Shepard being appointed disputant in place of Mr. Marks who was absent.

After the question had been discussed by the regular disputants, it was laid open to the house for discussion, when D. Shurtleff spoke. After which the question was decided by the audience, according to the weight of the argument, in favor of the Negative. The decision of the President upon the merits of the question was in favor of the Affirmative.

The report of the Critic being called for was presented. After which the following question was reported by the gentlemen appointed for that purpose to be discussed at the next meeting: viz. "Is Capital Punishment justifiable?" Disputants, David Shurtleff
Joseph Rogers
Saml. Marks
E. W. Shepard

An expression of the views of those present being requested, in regard to the expediency of adjourning for the season; several members expressed themselves in favor of such a course. Whereupon it was moved, seconded and voted, To adjourn till the 3d Wednesday of Nov. next at 6½ o'clock P. M.

Wm. E. Pease
Secretary.

Blandford Nov. 21st /49

The Young Men's Literary Association met this evening according to adjournment last Feb.

The President & Vice President being both absent, the Secretary called the meeting to order, and Wm M. Lewis was chosen Prest by nomination.

The Association then proceeded to the choice of officers. Chose for President.

Watson E. Boise and

for Vice-President David Shattuck.

On motion it was voted to defer the appointments for this evening until the next meeting. ~~[illegible]~~

Voted ~~[illegible]~~. Two additional disputants were appointed to speak on the question viz. D. C. Robinson and Dea. S. P. Wells.

Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

Wm E. Pease
Secretary

Proceedings of the Young Mens Literary
Association held at the Lyceum
Hall on Wednesday Eve
Dec 5th 1849

The meeting was called to order by the President— The absence of the Secretary being announced— David Shurtleff was chosen Secretary protem—

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted— The question before the Association was then discussed by

Neg in {Wm. M. Lewis / T. D. Richards} Aff {D. Shurtleff / D. P. Robinson} Neg

After which the question was left to the audience for decision— the weight of argument, to the Neg— The President decided in favour of the Aff

The following question was then given out for discussion—
Has society more influence in the formation of character than Books.

Disputants—

Neins {Wm. M. Lewis / D. P. Robinson} Aff {Charles Gates / D. Shurtleff} Neg.

A Lecture by Charles Gates on Geology.
Declamation by Timothy R. Boise.

The following persons were appointed to select a question at the next meeting. D. P. Robinson
David Shurtleff

Voted to adjourn two weeks to meet at the Lyceum Hall at half past 6 oclock

W. T. Boise
President

David Shurtleff
Sect
protem

Blandford, Dec. 18, 1849.

The Young Men's Literary Association met according to adjournment, and after reading and accepting the minutes of the last meeting, Chas. Gates was chosen Secretary pro tem. A Lecture on Geology was then listened to, after which the question before the Association was discussed by—

Messrs. { Chas. J. Hinsdale, Daniel E. Chapin } Aff. { Chas. Gates, David Shurtleff } Neg.

After the discussion the arguments were left to the audience, who decided that those presented on the Neg. had the greater weight. The President decided upon the merits of the question in the Neg.

The following question was voted to be discussed at the next meeting.
Does civil law exert a greater influence in preventing crime than moral law?

Disputants.

D. P. Robinson. David Shurtleff.
W. M. Lewis. Chas. Gates.

Voted to adjourn the Association one week.

W. E. Boies.
Pres.

Chas. Gates,
Sec.
pro tem

Blandford Dec 24th 1849.

The Association met according to adjournment and was called to order by the President. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting the following gentlemen were chosen officers. Rev. Daniel E. Chapin, President. Wm. M. Lewis Vice President. Chas. Gates Secretary

The question before the Association was then discussed by

Messrs. { David Shurtleff } Aff. { D. P. Robinson &
{ Wm. M. Lewis } { Chas. Gates

After the debate the arguments were left to the audience who decided for the Aff. The question was decided by the President in the Neg.

The following question was proposed for the next debate,— [illegible] Is the law of our State just, which compells a man to pay taxes on property bought on credit, and at the same time compells the seller to pay taxes on the notes he receives as money at interest

Disputants

Messrs. { Tho. Knowlton } Aff. { Chas. Gates } Neg.
{ W. E. Boies } { D. P. Robinson }

A ~~Declamation~~ by Mr. T. R. Boies

The following gentlemen were appointed to report a question for the next meeting— D. Shurtleff, Wm. M. Lewis

Voted to adjourn one week

W. E. Boies
Pres.

C. Gates,
Sec.

Blandford Jan, 2. 1850.

The Association met according to adjournment and was called to order by Rev. Daniel E. Chapin. Pres. A declamation by Timothy R. Boise was listened to after which the question before the Association was discussed with some interest by—

Messrs. Thomas Knowlton, Aff.	Chas. Gates.	Neg.
W. E. Boies,	D. P. Robinson	

After the debate, the audience decided that the Aff. had presented the most weight of argument. The Pres. decided that the Neg. was the better side of the question and his opinion upon several very good reasons.

The following question was voted for the next meeting.— Ought Congress to "pass" the Wilmot Proviso?

Disputants

D. Shurtleff.	W. M. Lewis.
Rev. C. J. Hinsdale,	D. P. Robinson.

W. E. Boies & Chas. Gates were then appointed to report a question at the next meeting

The following gentlemen were appointed officers of the Association. viz.—

Thomas Knowlton. Pres, D. P. Robinson V. P. & D. P. Robinson. Reader,

Voted to adjourn one week

Rev. Daniel E. Chapin Pres. C. Gates. Sec.

Blandford Jan. 9. 1861.

The Association met according to adjournment and was called to order by the President. After reading the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. C. Gates was appointed disputant in place of D. P. Robinson who was absent.

The question was then discussed with much animation. The irresistable words of pure and and unpremeditated eloquence resounded through the Hall and thrilled in every heart. Especially would we notice the happy efforts of the Rev. Mr. Chapin and Mr. Reuben Knox volunteers who manifested a spirit which deserves the highest commendation.
At the close of the debate, the President left the decision with respect to the weight of argument to the audience. As very few voted it is presumed that the arguments were so nearly balanced that the preponderance to one side could not be seen, but at length one gentleman saw that the Negative had the greater weight. The President, with diffidence on account of the question, it being of a delicate nature, then decided that its merits were in the Negative.
The Committee on Questions then reported the following for discussion at the next meeting.—

Is he who inherits a fortune, more likely to become useful than he who inherits nothing?

Disputants.

Charles Gates. Aff. W. E. Boise. Neg.
Reuben Knox. " Alanson Hurd. "

A Declamation by James Hatch.

Rev. C. J. Hinsdale & Rev. D. E. Chapin were appointed to report a question at the next meeting.

D. Shurtleff was chosen Treasurer by an unanimous vote.

A. Gates was chosen chairman of a committee of one, to report a resolution respecting the manner of deciding the weight of argument.

Voted to adjourn one week.

A. Gates, Sec.

Thos. Knowlton Pres.

Proceeding of the Young Mens Literary Association held at the Lyceum Hall on Wednesday Evening Jany 16th 1850

The President and Vice President being absent— the Association was called to Order by the Secretary— David Shurtleff was chosen President pro tem— the records of the last meeting was then read— after which the committee appointed to report a By Law report one which was adopted— Voted that so much of the 3d By Law as makes provision for the decision of questions by the Audience be repealed— According to the amendment of the 2d By Law a Bench of three Judges was appointed by the President— Col. Justin Wilson, Doct. Silas P. Wright, Esqr. C. Sill— The question was then discussed by

Charles Sales Aff W. E. Baise Neg
Reuben Knott " Wm. A. Lewis "

Decision given by the judges in the Affirmative. Decision by the President given in the Affirmative.

A communication was read by the reader

The following persons were chosen officers of the Association For President D. S. Robinson
Vice " Rev. C. J. Hinsdale
Secretary W. E. Baise

Question for discussion the next evening
Is the present emigration to the United States beneficial to them

Disputants

Aff — Rev C. L. Hinsdale Neg Rev Dan'l Chapin
Horace Parks Reuben Lincoln

The following persons was appointed to report a question W. E. Boise & D. P. Robinson
Voted to adjourn one week to meet at 6 oclock

C Gates,
Sec.

D. Shurtleff,
Pres. protem,

Proceedings of the Young Mens Literary association Wednesday January 23d

The association met agreeably to adjournment was called to order by the President after which the following Gent. were appointed judges of the merits of the arguments viz: Giles Dayton David Boise & [illegible].

The Question" Is the present emigration to the United States beneficial to them" was then discussed by Rev C. L. Hinsdale and Chas Gates on the Aff & Rev D. L. Chapin and Horace Parks on the negative"

The Judges decided in favour of the Aff on the weight of argument while the President in favour of the Neg. on the merits of the question.

The following question was then reported for the next meeting " Does public good require the Canal R.R. to terminate at Westfield rather than Springfield

Disputants

David Shurtleff } Aff W. E. Boise } Neg
Ossian Hatch } Homer Wood }

Dr S. P. Webb & Samuel Monks were then appointed to report a Question for the next Meeting Feb 6th

D. P. Robinson
Pres.

W. E. Boise
Sec

According to adjournment, a meeting of the Young Mens Literary Association was held on wednesday evening Jan. 30th, 1850.

The officers being absent, the seignior member called the meeting to order & Rev. Daniel E. Chapin was chosen president protem. & Wm. M. Lewis secretary protem.

After (the) reading (of) the records of the last meeting, voted, to procede to the choice of officers & chose David Shurtleff president, & Charles Gates vic president.

The question, Does public good require the Canal Rail Road to terminate at Westfield, rather than Springfield, was then discussed by Messrs. Shurtleff in the affirmative & Gates & Ward in the negative.

After the discussion, the question was decided by the audience in favor of the negative, according to the weight of argument, & by the president ~~upon~~ the merits of the question in favor of the same.

The following question was then reported for the next meeting. Can a man act contrary to his own Will? Disputents Messrs. S. P. Webb Samuel Marks D. V. Robinson & Chas. Gates.

Wm. M. Lewis & Alanson H. Ward were appointed to report a question for two weeks from this evening

A communication, from the Sons of Temperance of North Blandford was then read, stating, that if it is the wish of the people of the Center; they will meet with them in regalia, at which time, one of their number will deliver a Lecture seting forth the benefits arising from their order.

After which, it was voted that they be invited to meet with us on Wednesday evening next, & that Dr. S. P. Webb be a committee to notify them of such invitation.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Wm. M. Lewis } Sec. Prot

The Young Mens Literary Association met Wednesday Evening Feb 6th and was called to Order by the President.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Secretary and approved.

According to previous arrangement the Division of Sons of Temperance from North Bloomfield were present and one of their number Mr. Augustus Bartholomew delivered a Lecture before the Association on the History and Principles of their Order.

The disputants who reported a Question for discussion being absent it was voted that the discussion be deferred and if the disputants choose they are to have the privilege of discussing the Question in two weeks.

It was then moved and seconded that the Association return a vote of thanks to Mr. Bartholomew for the able, eloquent, & instructive address which he had favored the Association with & that the Division of the Sons who were present should be thanked for their attendance ~~being present~~.
Vote carried unanimously.

Question reported for the next evening's discussion viz. "Does the promotion of the Temperance cause require further Legislative enactments"
Disputants — Wm M Lewis, Almond H Wood, Hiram Heath and David P Robinson

W. E. Boice & Charles Gates were appointed to report a question for discussion in two weeks.
Voted to permit individual Members of the Association to speak not exceeding ten minutes each, and that any member of the Sons might reply in defence of their order. Messrs. Robinson, Hinsdale, and Chapin spoke in opposition to the beneficial influence of Secret Societies and were answered by Messrs. Lewis and Bartholomew in vindication of their Order, much to the edification and satisfaction of the audience.
Voted to adjourn one week and meet at the usual hour.

David Shattuck
V Pres.
W. L. Boice
Sec

The Young Men's Literary association
Met Wednesday Evening Feb 13th 1850

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved after which the association proceeded to the choice of officers for the two next meetings. Wm M. Lewis was chosen for President and Horace Parks Vice President.

The President then appointed Col. Dexter Wilcox Charles Gates & Benajah S. Bradish Judges to decide the merit of the arguments which might be made on the following Question "Does the promotion of the Temperance Cause require further legislative enactments"

The Question was then discussed by Messrs [illegible] Hand & Horace Heath in the Aff. & Wm M. Lewis & David P. Robinson Neg.

The Judges decided in the Neg. and the Pres. in the Aff.

It being understood that the "Question "Can a man [illegible] his own wife? would not be discussed the association voted that it be laid upon the table.

Messrs Charles Gates and W. E. Boise then reported the following Question for the next meeting, viz. "Has [illegible] exerted a greater influence on the world than Woman"

Disputants.

W. E. Boise [illegible]	Aff	Charles Gates Horace Parks	Neg.

Messrs David P. Robinson and Horace Heath were appointed to prepare a Question for discussion in two weeks to report at the next meeting.

A Composition was then read by the reader.

Voted to adjourn one week to meet at half Six.

David Shurtleff
Pres.

W. E. Boise,
Sec.

Lyceum Met Feb 20th & was Called to order by Wm Lewis the president.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Sec. and approved by the Association.

The President appointed G. Spear David Shirtleff & Osman Hatch to act as Judges for the evening.

The Question respecting the Bill was laid upon the table after which the following Question was discussed

The following Question was then discussed "Has man exerted a greater influence in the world than Woman" by
W. E. Boise & Truman Blair on the Aff &
Horace Parker & Charles Gates Neg.
Messrs D. P. Robinson & Col. J. Welzer also spoke on the Neg.
Judges & President both decided in the Neg.

Messrs Horace Heath & D. P. Robinson then reported the following Question for the next Meeting "Is the peace and prosperity of this republic in [illegible] danger" Disputants Horace Heath & D. P. Robinson Reuben Vining & David Shirtleff.

Rev C. J. Hinsdale and Rev D. E. Chapin were appointed to report a Question for two weeks

Voted to adjourn one week - to meet at the usual time

Wm Lewis
Pres.

W. E. Boise
Sect

Young Mens Association Met Feb 25th 1857 at the usual hour and was called to order by the President.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and approved by the association.

Wm Messrs Ossian Hatch [illegible] Parker and Henry Sperry were appointed Judges for the evening to judge of the merits of arguments presented on the present Question. [illegible] the Peace and prosperity of our Republic in positive [illegible]

Most of the disputants being absent it was discussed by W. E. Boise on the Aff. and J. P. Robinson on the Neg.

Judges not agreed – two for the Neg and one for the Aff.

President decided the merits of the Question in favour of the Affirmative.

The following Gent. were chosen for filling the [illegible] [illegible] at the next meeting of the association.

Mr J. P. Robinson for President
" Hiram Parks Vice "
" Jarvis Shurtleff Secretary

Voted that when this association adjourn it be to the first Wednesday in Dec. next at half past six P.M.

Voted to adjourn this meeting

Wm M. Lewis
Pres

W. E. Boise
Sec.

The Young Mens Literary Association held their Annual Meeting Decem 4th, 1850 at the Center School House The meeting was called to order by the President

The following question was given out to be discussed at the next meeting Is it justifyable in the People of the North to resist the fugative Slave Law—

Disputants

Aff (Rev D. E. Chapin
David Shurtleff

Messrs W. Lewis } Neg
W. E. Boies }

Voted, that the President and Secretary be a committee to invite some suitable person to address the Association in two weeks —

Voted that the Secretary be instructed to post up suitable notices of our next meeting. —

Voted to adjourn two weeks to meet at the center school House at half past 6 oclock

David Shurtleff
Secty

The Young Mens Literary Association held their adjourned meeting Dec 18 1850 The meeting was called to order by the President the records of the last meeting were read and approved The question given out for discussion was discussed by David Shurtleff and Rev. D. E. Chapin on the part of the Affirmative — Messrs W. Lewis W. E. Boies Negative The bench of judges. L. Robinson, S. Brown H. Parks decided that the wright of argument was in favour of the Affirmative—

The Presidents decision was also in the Affirmative— The following gentlemen was appointed as disputants for the next meeting Horace Parks, George Cline Mr. Stow Ossian L. Hatch—

Voted to adjourn two weeks to meet at the Center School House at half past 6 oclock

David S Shurtleff
Sec

Edwin E Holcomb	1689	4c	6786
B B Rose	1819	7	12733
W B Clark	1476	3½	05766
M E Clark	2765-	3/6	12444
E J Bowen	403	3	1269
J Clark	757	2½	1842
W. S. Griffin	1694	3½	4235-
Richard McCann	817	3	2451
E Brown	3573	5½	1,9651

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Scott-Steel	950	5c	47	38
W W Gillet	1651	5c	82	83
Palmer Bros.	1599	5c	77	43
M. A. Morse	1940	5c	97	66
F. Warner	665	3½	19	75
O Wall	1692	3¾	30	11
Morley Vinning	5185	[illegible]	312	5[illegible]
R Clifford	862	5c	42	90
C. L Humphrey	1707	[illegible]	68	36
W P Humphrey	1083	5c	54	40
James Nicholson	2[illegible]3	4½	122	53
J C Merriman	1560	4½	75	10
Yaeger	1012	[illegible]	6	66
Daniels	1234	5	61	10
J. Phelps	123[illegible]	3	37	7[illegible]
H Phin	1321	[illegible]	13[illegible]	[illegible]
S S Witherbee	5835	1½	87	3[illegible]
Wm Howard	1599	5½	87	9[illegible]
A. E "	[illegible]31	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
A Rice	4134	3¼	1[illegible]	[illegible]
A Case	1315	3½	199	[illegible]
Sam Holcomb	1600	4	6[illegible]	50
Walter "	2869	4½	114	86
Kibble	2562	4½	115	29
Seny Wilcox	2411	3½	72	33
F Lindell	2984	6½	136	2[illegible]
Robert Holcomb	7765	2½	56	26
Seth Viets	3130	4¼	133	02
E. J Sheldon	5035	3½	176	23
G. W. Root	3932	4¼	167	11
Charls Warner	1477	5½	81	23
John Noble	2691	3½	94	20
H M Loomis	1732	4¼	73	61
Don Lenard	816	4	32	64
Jno Deak	590	3	17	70
J. Barry	3561	4	142	44
D Stiles	1156	3½	40	46
Newton	1371	1½	16	50
Edwin Clifford	980	3	29	40
Charly Althouse	1638	3¾	51	21
J. H. Giffin	20.25	2¾	81	86
E D Helcomb	1006	3	36	12

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